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# ALLIED SHOCK TROOPS IN ACTION

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VARIOUS FIELD DESPATCHES INDICATE THE GERMAN PROGRESS WESTWARDS IS SLOWING DOWN AND GERMAN ARMOURED COLUMNS GAINED BUT LITTLE GROUND YESTERDAY AFTER VERY FIERCE FIGHTING NORTH AND WEST OF ST. QUENTIN COMPARED TO THEIR GAINS AFTER CROSSING THE MEUSE A FEW DAYS AGO.

One fact remains certain—the main bulk of the German armoured forces which attacked from the Ardennes Forest is now harassed by Franco-British "shock" divisions which are arriving from all directions and are attacking the German flanks as well as meeting the onslaught head-on.

The German tank corps is pursuing its initial push forwards but is meeting with very fierce resistance. Violent fighting is going on between Landrecies and Cambrai, with motorised and armoured columns fighting on two sides.

Telephone communication between Paris and Cambrai was still functioning at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The position around Peronne is confused and military circles do not know whether the Germans occupy the town with strong forces or if only a small vanguard of German troops has reached it.—Havas.

#### Belgian Lines Secure

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL").

Paris, To-day. Well-informed quarters state the situation is stationary on the Belgian front.

While the Allies are resisting German pressure the Belgian Government is organising the evacuation to France of all persons liable to be enrolled in the enemy's labour battalions, notably men from 50 to 60, railwaymen and engineers.

Factory equipment and all railway rolling-stock has been taken to a safe place.—Havas.

#### On River Escaut

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL").

Berlin, To-day. A German High Command communiqué claims that German troops in Belgium have reached the River Dendre and River Escaut.—Havas.

#### German Spearhead Blunted

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL").

New York, To-day. The German drive has swerved away from Paris and seems now to be pushing towards the Channel.—Havas.

two facts: The German drive now lacks the ferocious violence of the first few days and the Allied troops are learning how to overcome the tank/aircraft form of attack.

The Germans won their initial advantages by sending over waves of bombing planes, followed quickly by massed tanks. The effect of the wave-bombing is greatly less lethal than that of artillery fire, but at first it had more dangerous effects psychologically.

Allied troops are standing up to it, and military observers say that the Germans cannot expect any more "easy victories."

#### German Strategy

The general German strategy seems to have been this:—

Hitler, in the first place, fooled everyone into thinking he was going to drive right through Holland to the coast, hold this, and engage on a large "air-drive" on Britain. The British accordingly held a strong body of troops in Britain.

Hitler then suddenly flung his entire strength into what has become the "bulge" and the first onslaught was so terrific that even the greatest army in the world, the French, had to fall back.

The next two or three days may prove decisive. Once the Germans are stopped, the Allies hope that Hitler will have shot his bolt, used up his petrol, tired his troops, and lost hundreds of thousands in casualties, thus undermining German confidence.—Havas.

#### PARIS, TO-DAY.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.

Chinese official sources state pursuit planes shot down six of 27 Japanese aeroplanes which raided Liangshan. The wreckage of three has already been found.—Havas.

SIX JAP. RAIDERS  
SHOT DOWN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

# ITALY KEEPS FRANCE GUESSING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The position of Italy is still shrouded in mystery, compelling France to keep a number of French divisions on the Italian border while Yugoslavia has created an auxiliary army and Egypt has taken drastic measures against the Fifth Column.

Some see in Count Ciano's recent speech an indication of early clarification of the Italian position, while the decision to close Italian schools earlier than expected is also significant.

The coming anniversaries of the Italo-German pact on May 22 and Italy's entry into the Great War on May 24 may also bring some decision.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST: — North-east winds, fresh; cloudy, showery.

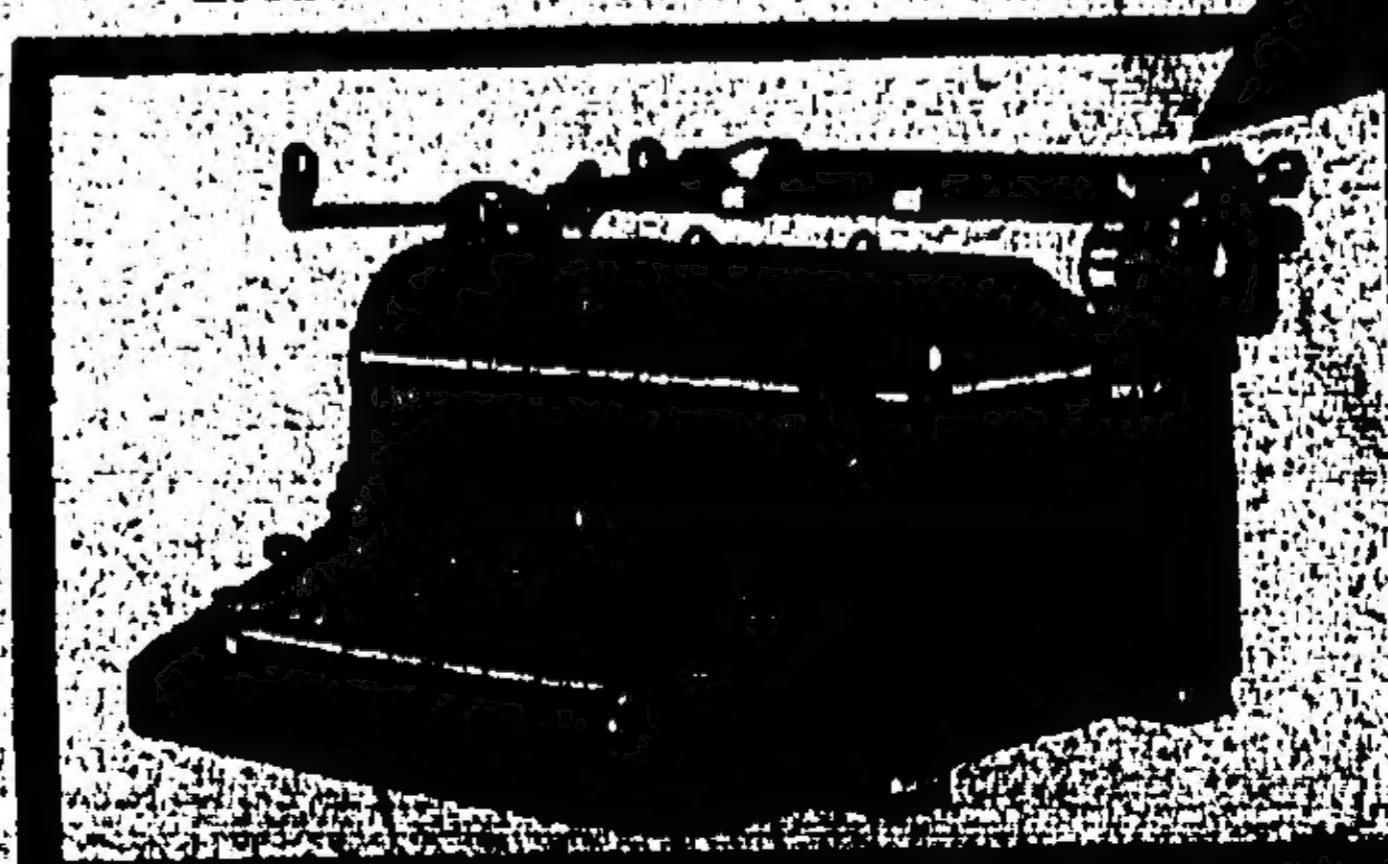
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**B.E.F. CARRIES  
OUT ITS TASK  
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LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE TASK OF THE BRITISH AND BELGIAN TROOPS HAS BEEN TO CARRY OUT A STRATEGIC WITHDRAWAL TO MEET ANY GERMAN ATTEMPT TO TAKE THEM IN THE REAR FROM THE "SPEAR-HEAD" IN THE SOUTH. THIS WITHDRAWAL HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT WITH SKILL BY BOTH ALLIED FORCES.

The British got back without having to abandon any material and the Germans have at no time made even a "dent" in their positions.

It is true the British have not had to face the terrible mass attacks the French have encountered further south, but it would be wrong to imagine that they have not had to fight.

They have been fighting all the time and had to stand up to intense bombing.

Our losses are not on a large scale and it is believed that with reasonable precautions they need not expect heavy losses due to such bombing. Every time the Germans have attacked they have suffered losses.

## IMPORTANT DEFENCE

The Belgian troops, too, have been fighting magnificently. There were no breaks in their lines, while Liege and Namur are still holding out.

These two forts are of considerable importance, because they command the main railways to the present German front and the Germans depend largely on these railways for their supplies.—Reuter.

**EGYPT TAKES STEPS  
AGAINST PARACHUTISTS**

Cairo, To-day.

Preventive measures against "Fifth Columnists" in Egypt are well in hand and special squads have been detailed to keep track of suspects.

Precautions against parachute landings have been taken in Cairo.—Reuter.

EXCHANGE CONTROL  
IN D.E.I.

Batavia, To-day.

Foreign exchange restrictions have come into force in the Netherlands East Indies to safe-guard the guilder.—Reuter.

**CANADA TO  
RAISE NEW  
DIVISION**

Ottawa, To-day.

According to the "Ottawa Journal," the Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, is expected to announce that Canada will immediately raise a third division of the active service force, which would probably mean that Canada would maintain two division overseas and a third in Canada for supplying reinforcements.—Reuter.

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"May the wrath of God fall upon me if I tell a lie. I am telling the truth. The Japanese plundered the junk. The other witnesses are lying . . . ."

"Have mercy on me Your Lordship. I was only a passenger. I was beaten by the police and forced to admit the offence . . . ."

These statements were made in defence by some of the 12 men at the Criminal Sessions this morning when they were charged with robbing a junk in British waters on the night of March 14.

It was alleged that the men, in another boat, pursued a cargo junk, fired between 20 and 30 shots and compelled it to stop. The occupants of the cargo junk were searched and their personal belongings were taken away. The men also transferred the cargo from the junk to their own boats.

Later, accused, when arrested off Conic Island, were in possession of two boats in which were found some of the stolen property.

### ACCUSED'S STORIES

This morning, accused stated that they were fokis and that the pirated junk and their boats belonged to the same owner. The cargo, they urged, was distributed among the three boats.

The junk sailed ahead and they followed. A Japanese boat fired, they alleged, on the junk. They turned back and escaped, but the junk was stopped by the Japanese and plundered.

They claimed that the property found consisted of their own belonging and that the complainants were lying.

Four of the accused were discharged, being given the benefit of the doubt.

The remainder were sentenced to three years' hard labour.

## INDIAN HE SHOOT, HE NO READ

It takes all sorts to make the Edmonton Regiment: a German who once fought against the British, a Japanese, Ukrainians, Assyrians, Poles, Czechs, Lithuanians, Hebrews, Scandinavians—and, of course, Britons.

This, it should be explained, is the Alberta Edmonton, not the Londoner's Edmonton, and the unit is part of the 1st Canadian Division of the Canadian Active Service Forces.

But the best soldier of them all is a Cree Indian and he nearly got shut out of the regiment.

### EYES TESTED

His eyes were being tested. The doctor held up a reading card, but the Indian looked at it without expression. Puzzled, the doctor decided he was blind or nearly so. Fortunately there was another Indian in the room. He knew English, and he explained that the candidate couldn't be blind because he was one of the best shots in northern Canada. He did not, however, understand the language—much—but he's picking it up now, and he is wearing khaki and showing promise of being a deadly sniper.

With him in this slice of cosmopolitan Canada are Poles, two of whom know hardly enough English to carry out drill commands.

### I'LL GO

One of the best war stories to have come out of the fighting zone illustrates the impression made on the world by Finland's gallant stand. Four Finnish soldiers, the story goes, were playing bridge in a snow covered outpost dugout when a noise was heard overhead. One of them investigated and reported to his comrades: "It's a division of Russians." Another one got up and said, "It's all right, I'll go. I am dummy."

## H.K. CIVIL SERVANT KILLED

The news has just been received in the Colony, with deep regret, that Geoffrey Polglase, who was Acting Assessor of Rates in the Hong Kong Government until his departure on leave last year, has lost his life on active service.

No details are known of the circumstances of his death.

It is only known that soon after his arrival in England he joined the Royal Air Force.

He was 33 years of age and was one of the keenest members of the Volunteer Air Arm, H.K.V.D.C.

He arrived in Hong Kong in 1935 to take up an appointment in the Assessor's Department. He was taking his first leave when the war broke out and he volunteered for service.

He is the first Hong Kong resident to be killed on active service.

## GERMAN RAID ON THE EAST COAST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day. German planes raided the south-eastern coast of England. Many explosions were heard along the coast.

Heavy firing was also heard on the other side of the Channel. — Havas.

## EUROPEAN GIRL ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

Miss Norma Knaufman, 17, of 11a Carnarvon Road, accidentally shot herself at a party last night.

The accident occurred at about 11 o'clock when Miss Knaufman went into a bedroom to comb her hair. She picked up a revolver, of .32 calibre, on the table and while examining it, pointed it towards herself the revolver accidentally going off.

Miss Knaufman was wounded in the left shoulder. She was taken to Kowloon Hospital where her condition is described as satisfactory.

## CHARGED WITH ATTEMPT ON OWN LIFE

Chui Li-fze, 35, concubine, was this morning charged before Mr. T. J. Houston, with attempting to commit suicide by jumping into the harbour near A King Slipway, Causeway Bay, on Saturday.

She was remanded for seven days. She stated that she had visited a friend that night and had too much to drink and did not remember any more.

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# NOTHING NEW IN CIANO

## Italy Still Regarded As Astride The Fence

### NO INDICATION OF PREPARATIONS FOR IMMINENT WAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

**COMPETENT QUARTERS CONSIDER THAT COUNT CIANO'S SPEECH AT MILAN ON SUNDAY HAS NOT REVEALED ANYTHING NEW REGARDING ITALY'S POSITION.**

It is noted Count Ciano used nearly the same expressions found in the pact signed with Germany when he said Italy's tasks are dictated by the necessity to realise natural aspirations.

Count Ciano added Italy intended to remain faithful to her engagements.

Observers say this kind of language has been used before in Rome, and Italian circles declared it is only Mussolini who would pronounce the last definite word.

It is also noted that since May 15 anti-French demonstrations have ceased and insulting posters disappeared.

Signs indicate, therefore, that the Italian attitude is contradictory, and it is probable this confusion is voluntary.

#### Libyan Reinforcements

German planes have been delivered to the Italian army, Italian reservists have been recalled to the colours and reinforcements sent to Libya, but all these measures seem to have a general character and the impression is not given that the country is intensely preparing for an imminent war.

In addition, German activity on the Hungarian and Swiss borders is seen in Italian political circles with more anxiety than satisfaction.—Havas.

#### Next Move Unpredictable

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Italy's next move remains unknown and politicians here are watching with interest Russia's attitude in southeastern Europe.

One thing is certain: Moscow refuses to give the slightest indication as regards her future action there and neither Berlin nor Rome has received from Moscow clarification of the Kremlin's attitude towards Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Rumania.

The Soviet-Yugoslav negotiations which took place recently dealt mainly with economic questions although foreign observers in Moscow admitted Moscow's interest to preserve the integrity of the Slav nations in southeastern Europe.

#### No Intention

Furthermore, Moscow spokesmen have frequently showed Russia's particular interests in the Balkans although the Kremlin has not indicated any intention to impede German and Italian designs there.

As regards Rumania, diplomats here are of the opinion that the So-

pean kinsmen—Reuter.

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### ITALY'S PART IN GAME

Rome, To-day.

The afternoon papers display stories of alleged German victories under huge headlines.

"Piccolo" states the Germans are continuing their triumphal march towards the Channel coast whence they will be able to deliver a serious threat to Britain.—Reuter.

### ICE-RINK NOW VAST REFUGEE CENTRE

London, To-day.

The Empress Stadium, where only last week Londoners were enjoying ice-skating has now been converted into a vast centre for Dutch and Belgian refugees.

Hundreds of these homeless, utterly weary and saddened people—men, women and children have been arriving in England since the invasion of their countries.

The stories they tell of their hurried evacuation, often bombed and machine-gunned by Nazi airmen, are pathetic. The whole vast floor of the Empress Stadium is covered and long tables are set up where the refugees have their meals.

Between the huge tiers of seats, beds have been laid out and in the anterooms, complete hospital wards have been provided for the aged and those needing medical attention. Sixty L.C.C. workers look after the refugees.—British Wireless.

### STOCK MARKET PRICES MARKED DOWN

London, To-day.

Prices on the Stock Exchange were mostly marked down yesterday as a precautionary measure in view of the existing international situation but no selling pressure was seen. Japanese bonds exceptionally advanced one to two points on the possibility of an improvement in Far Eastern relations. Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

### MR. CHURCHILL'S ROUSING BROADCAST

Ankara, To-day.

Mr. Winston Churchill's rousing speech and the appointment of General Weygand as Allied commander-in-chief have caused a favourable impression in Turkey. The entire press expresses confidence in the final victory of the Allies.—Reuter.

### SWEDEN DENIES NAZI ULTIMATUM

Stockholm, To-day.

A report that Germany has presented far-reaching demands to Sweden, including the right to transport across Sweden men, munitions and equipment intended for Narvik, is stated by the Swedish Foreign Office to be unfounded.—Reuter.

### LORD MAYOR'S FUND

London, To-day.

The Lord Mayor's Red Cross Fund now stands at £1,162,000. British Wireless.

### INCIDENT AT AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE MEETING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

The yearly General Assembly of the famous International Agricultural Institute, unique organisation of its kind, opened its fifteenth session here yesterday morning, under the chairmanship of the King of Italy.

Proceedings were started in the afternoon by delegates representing nearly every nation in Europe and America, including delegates of the belligerents.

Mr. Lloyd Steere, the United States delegate, was elected new Chairman of the General Assembly.

Professor Laur, the Swiss delegate, delivered a short address in which he mentioned the aspirations of all peoples of the world "to till their ground in a peaceful atmosphere."

He added: "I believe Switzerland enjoys the confidence and friendship of all peoples, particularly her neighbours."

#### SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT?

The King of Italy was later seen conversing with Prof. Laur, to whom he expressed full approval of the latter's words.

The incident is considered fairly significant as answering foreign reports of Italian pressure against Switzerland.—Havas.

### NAZI PACT WITH HUNGARY REPORTED

Tokyo, To-day.

Germany and Hungary signed a secret military agreement in Berlin on May 14, according to reliable information received by the "Asahi Shimbun" from Berlin.

Terms of the agreement are said to include

Firstly, Hungary will permit the passage of German troops through the country, and

Secondly, Germany will restore to Hungary part of Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia and will co-operate in the construction of a Greater Hungary.—Reuter.

### CAIRO PRECAUTIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Cairo, To-day.

Precise instructions have been released by the military governor to the population aiming at protection against parachutists.

Another ordinance forbids exports of capital from Egypt. All foreigners entering the country must declare all valuables in their possession.—Havas.

### ITALY'S DEFENCES ON WESTERN FRONTIER

Rome, To-day.

Marshal Badoglio yesterday personally reported to Mussolini on an inspection he had made of Italy's western frontier.—Reuter.

## NO CAUSE FOR PESSIMISM

Cairo, To-day.

The "Waf del Masri" says Hitler, sacrificing colossal numbers of men and materials in a massed mechanised offensive, has succeeded in breaking through the French lines, though not the Maginot Line.

Those thinking it is cause for pessimism should remember the Great War when twice large-scale German offensives took the German armies within measurable distance of Paris, the first leading to the great German defeat at the Battle of the Marne, the second leading to the complete collapse of the German army.

In fact, the tactical successes achieved by the Germans in 1918 contributed in the long run to their defeat. The enormous losses they suffered and the salients created by those successes rendered them incapable of standing up to Allied counter-strokes.

Leading Syrian newspapers, summing up events, strike an optimistic note, expressing entire faith in the Allies and confidence in ultimate victory.

### War Is Not One Battle

There is no justification for pessimism, says one paper. War is not only one battle, especially in the current war, the parallel of which is unknown in history.

It is a series of battles in which the belligerents face defeats and victories but the last word will be for those who can stick to the end.

Germany will pay dearly for every inch of the advance and is in a hurry while the Allies are not.

The German advance on the western front is much less than in the last war and there is no room for pessimism.

We have hundreds of reasons for saying the Allies will ultimately win the war and generations will sing their victory for ages to come.—Reuter.

## FALKENHAUSEN GIVEN HIGH POST

### Formerly In Nanking

Berlin, To-day.

General von Brauchitsch, the German commander-in-chief, has appointed General von Falkenhausen as military commander of Belgium and Holland.

Occupied areas in the two countries will be under military administration. Holland will be under General von Falkenhausen's command until Seyss-Inquart takes over his office as Nazi gauleiter.—Reuter.

### EIRE RESERVISTS CALLED TO COLOURS

Dublin, To-day.

It is officially announced that during the week-end certain classes of reservists were recalled to the colours to strengthen the defence forces. — Reuter.

## FRENCH CABINET DECREES

Paris, To-day.

The Council of Ministers met last evening and adopted various decree laws enabling military tribunals to deal more rapidly with certain crimes which are regarded as especially grave in existing circumstances.—Reuter.

## ARCHBISHOP'S CALL FOR COURAGE AND SELF-CONTROL

London, To-day.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, in a Diocesan message, says: "The hour has struck. The time of the testing of the nation has come. Each one of us in his own spirit must strengthen the spirit of the whole nation on which the issue of this tremendous struggle must finally depend.

"We shall need each one of us calmness, courage and self-control not least of danger threatens us at home.

We shall need, in all the varying fortunes of war, resolute faith and unswerving determination."

"So I bid you all keep calm and resolute in the midst of the struggle.

Be not distressed by disappointments or even reverses and put little trust in rumours.

In spite of the provocation which will be great, restrain the passions of war—righteous indignation is one thing, mere clamorous anger is another.

Keep clear before your minds the hope of peace which, because it is just, will be lasting and in the final framing of which all nations shall have their part.—British Wireless.

## BRITAIN'S FOOD SUPPLY

LONDON, TO-DAY.

LORD WOOLTON, MINISTER OF FOOD, STATES THAT HE IS SATISFIED THAT HIS ORGANIZATION WILL BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH THE DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD SUPPLIES IN THE EVENT OF AN AIR ATTACK ON ANY PART OF THE COUNTRY.

The invasion of the Low Countries has cost Britain some items of food, but they can be obtained elsewhere.

He has no intention of using his emergency powers to stop brewing by curtailing the supply of sugar. Although there will be "cuts," all manufacturers will receive not less than 40 per cent of their pre-war requirements.—Reuter.

## HITLER PREPARING GERMANY FOR CASUALTY SHOCKS

Berlin, To-day.

GERMAN OFFICIAL STATEMENTS about the Western offensive show the Nazis' realisation of the task the German High Command is facing.

The German public is warned that a campaign cannot be conducted without casualties and is told that the casualties will be less than those on the Somme and the Marne in the last war.

The official German archives put the German losses on the Somme then at 700,000 dead, wounded, and captured and the losses on the Marne at about the same figure.

## NATIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR U.S.?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

The formation of a "national union administration" in which Republicans would hold the key posts of Secretary for War and Secretary for the Navy is being at present examined by President Roosevelt, according to the "New York Times".

The paper said that Mr. Roosevelt is seriously preoccupied by European events and the reaction of American public opinion to his requests for strengthening national defence which entail huge expenditure.—Havas.

### M. CHARLES ROUX LEAVES FOR PARIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

The French Ambassador to the Vatican, M. Charles Roux, left Rome for Paris. He was received by the Pope yesterday evening to take his leave.—Havas.

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## BIG HAUL OF FORGERIES

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Some 427 notes found, mostly of \$10 denomination, were forgeries of notes issued by the Bank of China and Central Bank.

They were arrested in Prince Edward Road at noon on Sunday.

At Kowloon before Mr. E. Hinsworth this morning they were charged with possession of forged notes and with conspiracy.

They were remanded for two days. The police are expecting further developments.

## EXCUSE NOT ACCEPTED

That his family, particularly his brother, was constantly being bullied by members of Li Wah's family who loaned out money at high interest; that he armed with a chopper to protect his brother, he used the chopper in defence when Li Wah and several others attacked his brother, were statements made by Chiu Tak at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Chiu was found guilty of maliciously wounding Li Wah, employee of the Naval Dockyard, on April 1 at the Yaumati Vehicular Ferry Wharf, and was sentenced by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, to four years' hard labour.

## THEFT BY COOK BOY

A fine of \$10 or three weeks' hard labour was imposed on So Nam, 40, cook boy, by Mr. E. Hinsworth this morning for theft from his employer, Mrs. Blackmore, of No. 94, Waterloo Road, yesterday.

Half bottle of whisky and three-quarters of a bottle of gin and various provisions were among the goods listed in the stolen property.

THE AIR MINISTRY announces that bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. maintained pressure on enemy lines of communication last night; oil refineries in north-western Germany were also successfully attacked.

South of Brussels operations were carried out against railway stations and bridges; the railway bridge at Roux sustained a direct hit and damage was done to rolling-stock and the permanent way.

Troop and tank concentrations were attacked in the Aisne sector, and near Sedan a lorry park was set on fire.

From all these operations, involving a large number of R.A.F. bombers, only two failed to return despite intense enemy anti-aircraft fire.

The aerodrome at Verne, north of Trondheim, in Norway, was also successfully attacked last night. A large number of enemy aircraft standing out on the aerodrome were repeatedly bombed and machine-gunned by relays of Hudson aircraft. Much damage is believed to have been done and seven fires were started.

### Matchless Courage

From our fighter aircraft come stories of matchless courage.

All day long they were called upon to engage superior forces of the enemy, to drive off formations of bombers which continually harass the Allied troops and to attack their fighter escorts.

From almost every engagement they return having inflicted heavy losses on the enemy and immediately take off again to renew the struggle.

Thus, in patrols over France and Belgium, one squadron of Hurricanes sighted over 100 enemy aircraft.

### One Pilot's Bag

In a series of combats they disposed of 11, eight of which were enemy fighters.

One young pilot who took on four Heinkel III's, one after another, destroyed three of them.

Reports hitherto received confirm that 30 enemy aircraft were destroyed by R.A.F. aircraft on Sunday and many others heavily damaged.

Victories against such odds are not won without loss and 14 of our fighters are missing.

It is authoritatively learned that

London, To-day.

fighter bombers of one R.A.F. group, fighting their way through waves of German bombers, brought down over 50 Heinkels, Dorniers, Junkers and Messerschmidts on Saturday and Sunday with less than half that number of casualties to themselves. They watched 34 of their enemies crash and knew their bullets had put another 16 out of action.

### Bombing Raids

Meanwhile, further details are now available concerning operations by Bomber Command aircraft on Saturday night.

Objectives included large oil storage tanks at Misburg, a few miles from Hanover, and important roads and bridges behind the enemy's lines at Gembloux, Givet, Dinant and Namur.

The attack on the oil storage tanks began shortly before midnight and before the last of the raiders left about two hours later, fires and explosions made evident success of the bombardment.

At one stage of the operations seven bombs were seen to fall diagonally across the target and three big explosions immediately followed. Several huge fires also broke out.

On the way home one raider reported that the oil storage tanks at Bremen, which were bombed on Friday night, were still alight.

### Harassing Operations

London, To-day. Further details are now available concerning the operations of the Bomber Command against the oil storage tanks near Hanover and the railways and junctions at Cologne.

During the early part of Saturday strong forces of bomber aircraft had carried out harassing daylight attacks on enemy troops advancing on the French battlefield. This pressure was sustained during last night by a further series of successful bombing raids on troops concentrations, aerodromes, lines of communication over a wide area.

The daylight raids, the object of which was to impede the progress of reinforcements advancing on Landrecies for the "Battle Of The Bulge" was carried out by a force of Blenheim Bombers in the face of determined opposition from enemy fighters and gun batteries.

Individual attacks on their targets were made by British aircraft, each machine dropping H.E. bombs from 1,500 feet with devastating precision.

Direct hits were registered on motorised columns, houses on either side of the main road collapsed across the highway, warehouses beside the railway were demolished, and several large buildings adjacent to an important river road crossing were hit and set on fire.—British Wireless.

### PRINCE BERNARD SEES M. REYNAUD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The Premier, M. Reynaud, last evening received Prince Bernhard, Consort of Princess Juliana, with whom he discussed various questions pertaining to the present situation.—Havas.

## GERMAN WOMEN WANT BABIES WITHOUT MARRIAGE

A charter for unmarried mothers is demanded by an unnamed woman writing to the "Schwarze Korps," official organ of the Nazi Black Guards.

Every woman over a certain age, the writer states, should have the right to become a mother without marriage. Such unmarried mothers should be paid a lump sum for the initial expenses of motherhood and monthly sums if needed.

Any attempt to question the honour of the unmarried mother should be punishable by imprisonment, she adds.

Commenting on the letter the "Schwarze Korps" states: "Totalitarian war is also decided in the cradle. Every soldier who gives his life blood without leaving children means one less marriage, one more unmarried woman."

## WE LOST BATTLE OF NARVIK

### —IN AMERICA

British propaganda is so bad that Britain's naval action at Narvik — at that time the most decisive and daring of the war — was heralded in America as a "British defeat."

It was announced on the U.S. radio that after two British destroyers had been lost, the rest retired to sea. There was no mention of the triumphant sinking of seven Nazi merchant ships or the three burning enemy destroyers.

Fortunately, after Mr. Chamberlain's speech, gloom among the pro-Allied Americans changed to admiration, although there were still many "wise-cracks" about "British helplessness."

U.S. comment was: "Britain is making a bad job of keeping America informed."

Even British M.P.s were surprised at the Admiralty's announcement, and there was criticism in the Lobbies yesterday that such great prominence should have been given to the loss of the H.M.S. Hunter and H.M.S. Hardy.

It was felt that this featured British losses too strongly, whereas more attention should have been given to our successes.

## SECRET SUICIDE SQUAD

A Death's Head Brigade, it is reported, is being recruited from the German Army in vast numbers to storm the Maginot Line.

The volunteers are young. They do not know for what they will be employed.

They know only that they are called upon to perform a task of vital importance and that they are signing their lives away to their Fatherland.

### THEY TAKE OATH

Every man—and only those of the best physique are being enrolled—has to take an oath to that effect.

They will keep on attacking it, it is said, until the Line is broken or until their army melts away under the Allied fire.

The enrolment has been taking place in great secrecy.

There is talk in Germany that Hitler is staking everything on this attack, and has promised that peace will be ensured by July.

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# GERMANS STILL ADVANCE IN CRUCIAL SECTOR

*Slow Progress, But Still Going Forward*

## British And French Tanks In Action Round Cambrai

Paris, To-day.

A French military spokesman states that the Germans have made no further progress except possibly in the north-west of the "bulge," where the threat seems to be aimed at Cambrai.

This is perhaps the crucial sector and it is thought that the Germans are hoping by this push to cut off Allied troops in Belgium and northern France. Both British and French tanks are in action.

**On the whole, the situation west of the Sambre/Oise canal is very confused, with tanks of both sides intermingled in combat. Both the Germans and the Allies make local advances and retirements.**

The Germans are now using motorcycle columns in a way which they have not employed before. These are sent forward during the day, and often withdrawn at night.

Four or five armoured divisions are believed to be employed in this particular sector alone. They have suffered considerable losses and must be feeling the strain: on the whole, however they are still pushing forward.

On Sunday, the Germans claimed to have taken St. Quentin; this seems to have been premature. Yesterday, they claimed to be beyond St. Quentin and to be pushing towards Peronne.

French sources, however, say that there is heavy fighting to the east, at Cambrai. There is no clear-cut "front" here, however, and the Germans are encountering resistance everywhere.

### AISNE FIGHTING

German attacks on the Aisne and at Montmedy show that they are still trying to widen the "bulge" southwards and break its southern shoulder. Attempts to cross the Aisne have only been local "surprise" attacks; only one or two units got across on Sunday and these were rounded up during the night by the French.

It is indicated in Paris that although in this sector the fighting is, comparatively speaking, small, yet it would be important if the enemy established advanced points south of the river.

At Montmedy, the Germans are battering away at the northern outposts of the Maginot Line, particularly at the Montmedy bridge-head, where strong Infantry attacks are supported by heavy artillery fire.

All attacks have been repulsed with heavy losses, and the Germans have only taken one small block-house in one of the most advanced positions in front of the Line.

South of Montmedy there is still nothing to report.—Reuter.

### Relentless Resistance

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

At 11.15 yesterday the military situation was summed up as follows: A strategical movement on the left wing, and the relentless resistance of our troops east of Cambrai.

The Germans are making a push westward in the St. Quentin region.

The situation remains serious but there has been no notable difference in the last 24 hours.—Havas.

## ACTION CALL BY HERBERT MORRISON

London, To-day.

"If we waste a minute at our desk or bench we sacrifice a life," declared Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister of Supply, in a rousing call to members of his Ministry and all men and women working on arms production.

Mr. Morrison added: "I appeal to you in the name of our country, and every person you hold most dear—give of your very utmost.

"Everything that I can do to extend the scope of the arms drive and enable you to work to the utmost advantage, I will do.

"And I will try to do it in the spirit I commend to you—the spirit of duty, determination and comradeship. Work at war speed."—Reuter.

## MEXICAN MEASURES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mexico City, To-day.

Pursuing its drive against the activities of foreign propagandists and secret agents, the Home Ministry has assigned a number of detectives to investigate the activities of foreign agents in the provinces of Mexicali and Tijuana.

It is stated that these foreign agents are watching from Mexican territory United States military activities, particularly in the San Diego district, where the American land manoeuvres usually take place.—Havas.

## RESTRICTIONS IN ENGLAND ON ALIENS

London, To-day.

The Home Secretary has issued an order prohibiting aliens from having arms, ammunition or explosives without a special permit from the police. The order applies to all nationalities throughout the United Kingdom, and those with arms, ammunition or explosive in their possession must surrender them at once.—Reuter.

## CAPTURE OF HSINYANG EXPECTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.

The recapture of Hsinyang is expected to be completed shortly, according to Chinese military quarters.

Street fighting is still proceeding between the Chinese forces which stormed the city's north gate on May 17 and the Japanese garrison, who hold the southern portion of the city.

It is confirmed that the Chinese occupied the aerodrome, destroying a number of Japanese planes and seizing important supplies.

A number of Szechuan towns were bombed when Japanese planes raided the province in five batches.

The first and second bombed Luchow and Hsuehchow, the third and fourth Chengtu and the fifth raided Liangshan. The damage is not yet known.

The Chungking sirens sounded and a black-out was imposed from 7.35 p.m. to 00.12 a.m. No raiders appeared.—Havas.

## NAIVE REQUEST IN POLICE COURT

MR. Q. A. A. MACFADYEN THIS MORNING REJECTED A PRISONER'S REQUEST TO BE ALLOWED TO SIGN A PROMISSORY NOTE, THOUGH THIS WAS AGREED BY HIS VICTIM.

The issue arose when Siu Kwok-fu, 26, was convicted on a charge of stealing four finger-rings and \$200 from a married woman.

He spent \$100 in gambling; the rest was recovered by the police.

After being ordered to sign a bond for one year and to re-pay the \$100, or serve six weeks' hard labour, accused requested the court to allow him to sign a promissory note to pay the money within six months.

The Magistrate remarked that it was not a civil action and he expected accused to pay the money in a day or so.

## ATTACK ON MR. REES HARRIS

Arrested late last night in connection with an assault on Mr. Rees Harris in Kowloon on Saturday, Siu Hung, 21, and Chan Wah, 22, were before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning.

They were charged with assault and remanded two days for further enquiries.

Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser is in charge of the case.

## LAD SENT TO GAOL

A 16-year-old boy, with a previous conviction for a similar offence, was charged with snatching an ear-ring from a woman and ordered six months' hard labour and ten strokes by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning.

## PEERAGE FOR SIR HENRY PAGE-CROFT

London, To-day. Brigadier-General Sir Henry Page-Croft has been created a Baron.—Reuter.

## PALESTINE BLACK-OUT

Jerusalem, To-day.

Palestine held a successful black-out practice on the Mediterranean Coast on Saturday night. Haifa and its vicinity are blacked-out every night.—Reuter.



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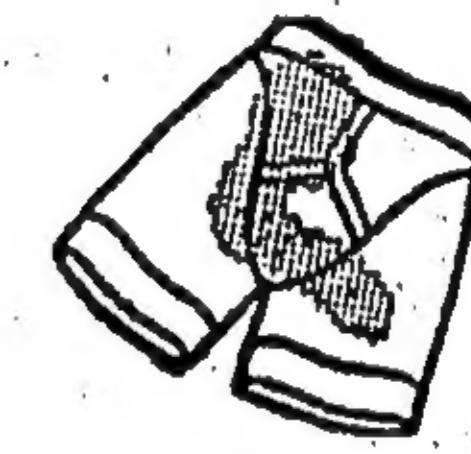
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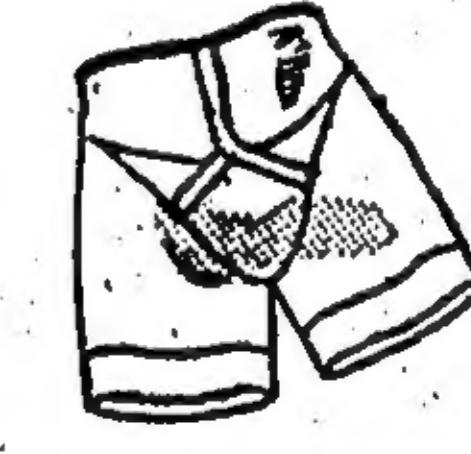
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## BRITAIN'S AIRMEN WRITE A PAGE IN HISTORY

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IN THE LAST FIVE DAYS, THE R.A.F. HAVE WRITTEN A PAGE IN HISTORY WHICH WILL PERHAPS NEVER BE FORGOTTEN, SAYS CHARLES GARDNER, BBC CORRESPONDENT AT "THE FRONT."

Their main task has been in connection with the Battle of Sedan, which the French papers already call the biggest the world has ever known. The action of the advance air striking force has been to bomb, bomb and bomb again, without cessation, German supplies, bridge heads and so on, and the French and British air forces have done this work.

They have also backed up the French ground troops which stood up to the first great rush. To-day, they have another task, to stop supplies, particularly of petrol, coming up to the Nazi armoured columns.

The Germans are well aware of the danger and are defending their supplies with fighters. We have fighters too, machines that are better than the Nazi machines and flown by better pilots.

### Amazing Survivals

We have always come out best in fighter-to-fighter combats and our bombers have nearly always managed to fight their way through to their objectives. Sometimes, they had to fly at tree-level, and even round trees, above spitting machine-guns.

Perhaps one of the most amazing things about the recent air activity has been the way in which pilots given up for lost have "rolled in."—Reuter.

## CHANGE IN FRENCH POLICY

London, To-day.

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent states the alterations in the French Cabinet and High Command will make a very definite change in French policy both on the battlefield and in world politics.

General Weygand's reputation for drive and energy is too well-known to require emphasis.

Only surprising feature is that his talents have not been requisitioned earlier for the western front although he had a very important position as Commander-in-Chief, Near East.

Undoubtedly his plans will be the basis of the Allied operations should war break out in that theatre.

The new Ministerial appointments are regarded in London with general approbation.

### French Policy

The transfer of M. Charles Roux from the Vatican to the post of Secretary-General at the Quai d'Orsay (the French Foreign Office) in succession to M. Alexis Leger, who has been chief of the permanent officials for many years, is considered very significant.

It will in no way affect the closeness of Anglo-French co-operation but may facilitate the re-orientation of French policy in other directions.—Reuter.

## CANADA'S WAR EFFORT

Ottawa, To-day.

"If ever there was a just war in mankind's history, Canada is now in a righteous one," declared the Conservative leader, Mr. Hanson, in yesterday's debate in Parliament.

Mr. Hanson protested against the weakness of Canada's war preparation for years past.

He appreciated the friendly attitude of the United States but uttered a warning against depending upon America for defence, and added: "Whenever we have to shelter ourselves under the Stars and Stripes on that day the Union Jack will be hauled down never to go up."—Reuter.

## CLEAN-UP IN S. AMERICA

New York, To-day.

The Argentine and Uruguay authorities have now taken action to curb Nazi activities, while the Chilean and Bolivian newspapers call upon their Governments to do likewise, according to a Buenos Aires despatch to the New York Times.

The despatch adds that Senor Delear, former President of the Argentine, declared: "There is a well-organised Nazi Fifth Column in the Argentine."—Reuter.

## HARBOUR ACCIDENTS

A TWO-YEAR-OLD CHINESE GIRL WAS DROWNED IN THE HARBOUR AT 10 P.M. LAST NIGHT WHEN A SUDDEN SQUALL CAUSED A CARGO JUNK TO CAPSIZE OFF GLOUCESTER ROAD.

The master, crew of four and the baby girl were thrown into the harbour but were later rescued by a passing junk. The child, however, could not be located.

This morning shortly after one o'clock, another junk capsized in the harbour when caught in a squall whilst loading cargo from a ship at the No. 10 buoy; the junk overturned throwing the occupants and a cargo of flour, vegetables and newspapers over board. The crew were rescued.

### ROOSEVELT MESSAGE TO HOLLAND'S QUEEN

London, To-day. Queen Wilhelmina yesterday received the United States Ambassador, Mr. Joseph Kennedy, at Buckingham Palace.—Reuter.

### N. Z. INCREASES WAR TRAINING

Wellington, To-day. The whole of New Zealand's territorial troops are to be given three-months' special training, while reservists are to be given part-time training.—Reuter.

### NO STATEMENT IN HOUSE BY PREMIER

London, To-day. Reuter learns that Mr. Winston Churchill does not intend to make a statement on the progress of the war in the House of Commons to-day.—Reuter.

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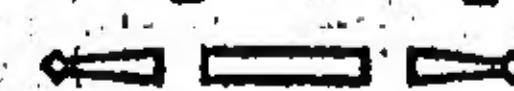
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# Vast Intermingling Of Fighting Tanks GERMAN DRIVE STILL GOES ON

THE WAR MINISTRY SPOKESMAN STATED LAST NIGHT THAT THE BATTLE IS RAGING WITH MAXIMUM INTENSITY EAST OF CAMBRAI AND LANDRECIES; FIGHTING CONTINUED ALL DAY AND THE ENEMY HAS NOT APPEARED TO HAVE MADE ANY CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS.

Between Landrecies and La Fere, on the west side of the Sambre-Oise canal, German armoured units continued to push west-north-west, the situation remaining confused with a vast inter-mingling of British, French and German tanks, but it can be said that on the whole the Germans continue to push forward.

The situation on this part of the front is described as "serious."

In the Rethel region two German efforts to effect a surprise crossing of the Aisne were completely repulsed, only small detachments crossing and they were captured during the night.

A big Infantry attack following heavy artillery fire against bridge-head at Montmedy was repulsed with great enemy losses.

Only German success is the capture of a small blockhouse on one of the most advanced positions before the Maginot Line.

## All Actions Fail

Summing up, the spokesman said: "It can be said that all actions carried out by the enemy have failed despite powerful artillery support and successive infantry attacks.

"From Montmedy to the Rhine and along the Rhine there is nothing to report, while in northern Belgium the Allies continue strategic movements without serious enemy interference." —Reuter.

## Increasing Violence

Paris, To-day. Despite the increasing violence of their onslaughts the German westward push made comparatively little headway yesterday.

After extremely severe fighting between Allied and German armoured units north and west of St. Quentin, German territorial gains at the close of the day were very small compared with those which marked the early stages of the attack.

It is becoming more and more apparent that the Allied "shock" troops now being brought up are stemming the German onrush.

Confident in its striking force the German army is pushing forward but it is held up on the flanks, while in the centre every inch of ground is being disputed.

## Peronne Uncertainty

The position at Peronne is not clear. It is not known whether the town is fully occupied by German troops or whether only a slight advance guard has reached it.

Heavy German pressure is also being brought against the fortified region of Montmedy. This salient, which controls the passage of the Meuse east of Sedan, hampers German movements considerably.

A new attack against the Maginot Line at this point was repulsed, as were those launched in the same regions on Sunday, with very heavy losses to the enemy.

Along the rest of the line to the Swiss frontier there is nothing to report.—Reuter.

## Strong German Thrust

Paris, To-day. Last night's official war communiqué stated the German thrust is still very strong in the region north and west of St. Quentin.

New enemy attacks have been re-

pulsed in the Montmedy region. There is nothing of importance on the rest of the front.

There was great activity of our aviation in the course of the day. Numerous reconnaissances prepared the engagement of bombing formations on armoured enemy units. Heavy bombing was carried out on columns, retarding their progress and inflicting heavy losses on them.—Reuter.

## Belgian Strategical Withdrawal Continues

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

In Belgium the strategical Allied withdrawal continues in good general conditions. The British are fighting a magnificent rear-guard action and have repulsed German attacks.

North of St. Quentin a great battle is proceeding between thousands of French and British, and German, tanks.

Continuous changes are taking place on the battlefield, making it impossible to localise geographically.

On the River Aisne the Germans threw a few detachments to the south bank in the region of Rethel. All were made prisoner during the night.

At Montmedy, after violent artillery preparation, German infantry attacked the Maginot Line forts in deep masses but were everywhere repulsed with enormous losses, except at one point where they seized a small advanced casemate.

Calm reigns on all other sectors.—Havas.

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## BISHOP URGES U.S. TO ENTER THE WAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Richmond (Va.), To-day. In an open letter addressed to the United States Secretary of State, Bishop James Cannon, of the Methodist Church in Richmond, urged him to "make every use of his great influence with the President and Congress to bring about a declaration of war against Hitler and other similar monsters."

Bishop Cannon added that all nations would be immensely gratified if the United States would abrogate the "cowardly Neutrality Act" and declare war upon Germany.

Despair, he said, would be replaced by hope.—Havas.

## HEROISM AND CARNAGE

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent with the B.E.F.)

London, To-day.

Along the leafy lanes of France and across the carefully cultivated countryside the battle of the bulge still rages.

German heavy columns, led by tanks and shepherded by a vast fan of bomber formations like a flock of birds, are striking westward in a tremendous effort to enlarge the breach in the original Allied line.

In their path deeds of heroism of a high order are an hourly occurrence.

British armoured vehicles from the north, and French armoured vehicles from the south charge into the invaders' flanks while French formations challenge them in front.

Farm carts, motorcars and lorries turned on their sides, tree trunks, railway trucks and any other kind of obstacle, are used to barricade the roads.

## Rush Into Gaps

Anti-tank guns are rushed into position; fighting vehicles are sent speeding to the battle zone; troops rushed to fill the gaps.

All the time ships are disgorging fresh troops from England and lorries whirl them from the coast. Simultaneously British fighters attack enemy air formations and bombers blast the ground in front and behind the German columns.

Thus has the German push been slowed down, though in the bewildering changes in thrust and counter-thrust it is yet impossible to paint a clear picture of events. British aircraft continue their valorous career and the fighters, up to Saturday, had positively destroyed over 200 German machines.

## 4 To 1 Odds

Average odds against the British pilots have been four to one.

On one occasion 11 Hurricanes attacked an aerial armada of 90 German bombers escorted by 21 Messerschmidt 110's and brought down many of the enemy until only four of the British attackers remained, when the bombers turned back without dropping a single bomb.

R.A.F. bombers have been equally efficacious.

After their raids, enemy tanks had been seen on fire and overturned, roads blocked with wreckage and bridges blown up.

One of the most important bridges survived eight efforts to destroy it. The pilots and crews of four bombers approached the commanding officer, and the senior pilot said: "Sir, can we have permission to finish it?"

The squadron leader replied: "Do it."

The four bombers took to the air. None returned but the bridge was destroyed.—Reuter.

## GERMAN TROOPS WITH EIGHT WEEKS' TRAINING

Berlin, To-day. "In our infantry columns at the western front soldiers are marching who have undergone training for only eight weeks," declared the spokesman of the German High Command in a broadcast yesterday. He added: "But they set their teeth and managed to do their duty nevertheless."—Reuter.

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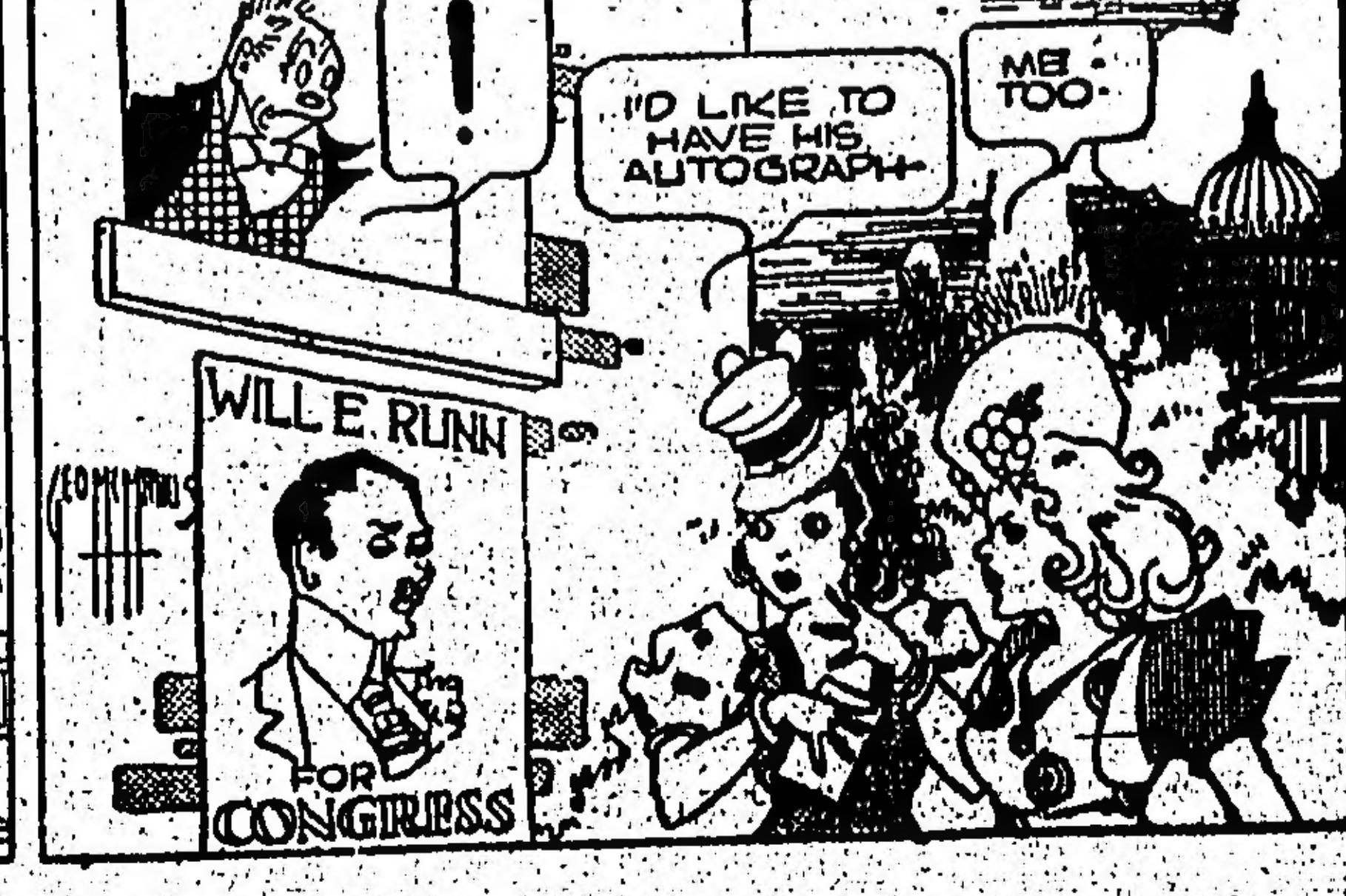
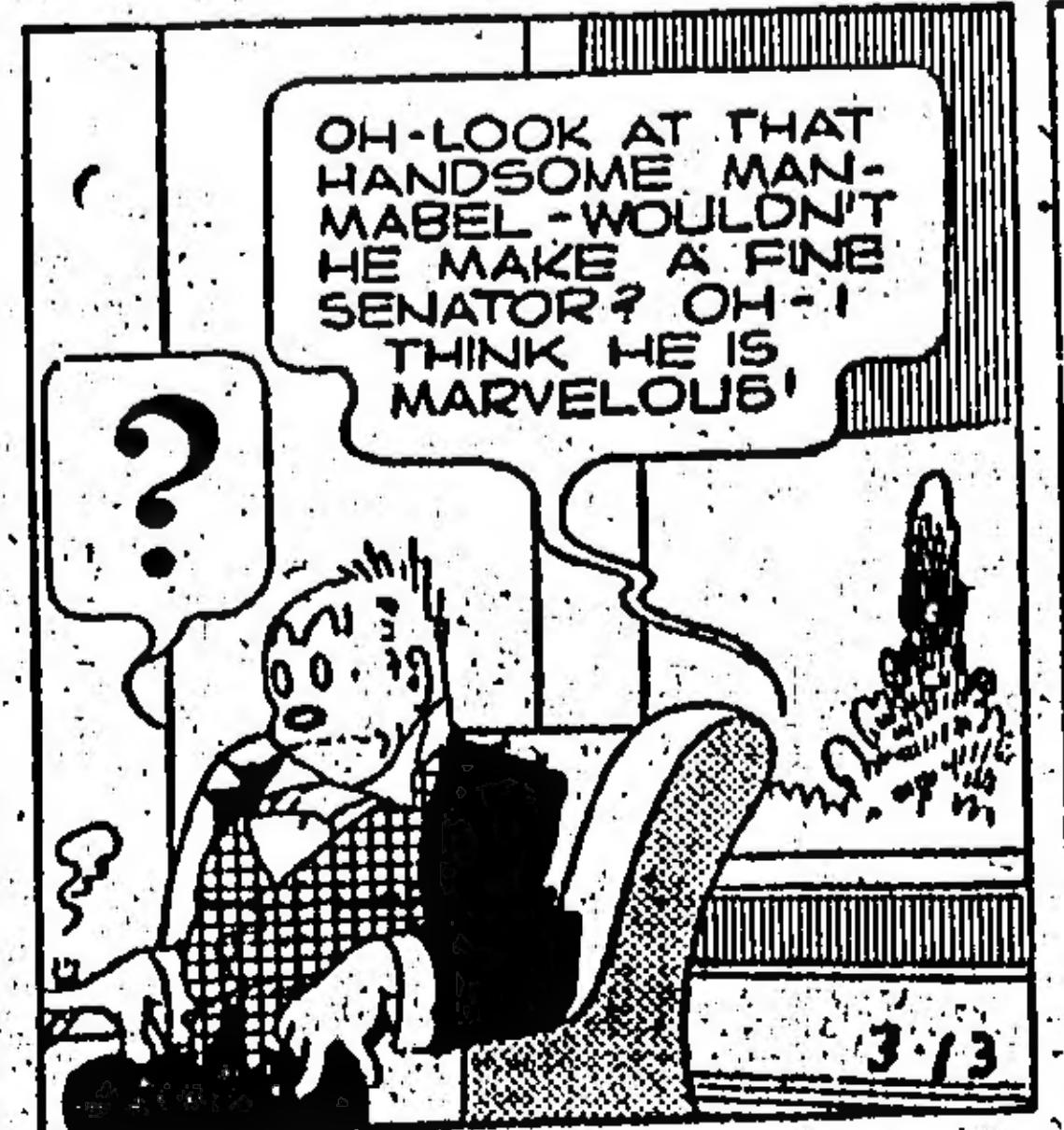
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## HOW THE GERMANS GET THEIR SCRAP-IRON —VIA ITALY

This is almost a Believe it or Not story—for the Germans are making no attempt to break the blockade along the Dalmatian coast.

There is enough bauxite (aluminum-bearing ore) to make thousands of tons of aluminium for new airplanes lying on the wharves of the little Jugo-Slav ports, but no German ships come to take it away.

There are twenty-seven German ships in Trieste, but only two of them have come south this year to collect some of this bauxite.

And in contrast to the thousands of German tourists on the Dalmatian coast last year, the only German I have seen so far was a plump little man in the steamer from Split to Ragusa, which is the most peaceful port of south-eastern Europe.

The only thing that temporarily disturbed this peace was the German invasion of Scandinavia, because until a few days ago it looked as if the Italians would fall for all the German stories about the crippling of the British Fleet, which was coming to the Adriatic. But no one here fears that now, although in a cinema at Split I heard boos, whistling, and catcalls at a newsreel about the Easter celebrations in Rome. The Dalmatians are Roman Catholics, but they resent any Italian claims to make the Adriatic an Italian lake.

But the failure of the Germans to come and collect the bauxite that belongs to them—they have a monopoly in one of the largest bauxite mining companies—is still a mystery on the coast. The last German ship into Ragusa was the Ankara.

Somebody started stories that the British were coming into the Adriatic, and as the Germans had bought the Ankara they were due for a repetition of the Altmark affair. It cost them £100 to hire a local pilot who could zigzag the ship in and out of the islands, well within territorial waters, until they were far enough north to make a dash for Trieste.

There are two explanations here for this mystery. One is that the Italians have asked the Germans not to tempt the British Fleet into the Adriatic. The other, which is more feasible, is that the German railways are quite busy enough taking a much more important material out of Italy—scrap iron.

The German railway wagons, which carry coal to Italy, are going to Genoa for this. And the scrap iron comes from America, passing through the British blockade.

Officials of a Jugo-Slav shipping company here told me that one of their ships arrived at Gibraltar a few weeks ago with a cargo of scrap iron from the United States. She was held for six days, but as she was ostensibly bound for Genoa she was then released.

At Genoa the crew saw the scrap iron loaded into German railway wagons and taken away. On her next voyage from America, with some more scrap iron, she was held for only half an hour at Gibraltar. Again there were German railway wagons waiting at Genoa.

Of course, the Germans believe that some day we shall put a stop to this leakage, and that is why their railway wagons are concentrated on scrap iron rather than on Dalmatian bauxite.

There are 5,000 tons of bauxite at Ragusa. It all belongs to the Germans, and the Jugo-Slavs are growing so fed up at seeing it there that they are beginning to dump it on one side so that they can get on with repairing the quay.

At Zelnika, in the great bay of Kotor, south of Ragusa, there are 40,000 tons, all of which come from the German-controlled mines near Mostar, in the mountains between Ragusa and Serajevo.

Going into Split from the railway station I was stopped by two police-

By  
Sydney Morrell

men and my passport was examined carefully, although I had come from Belgrade, and was, therefore, only travelling about inside the country. Lower down the road two other policemen took charge of my bag and searched it. The same cross-examination was repeated when I reached Ragusa: Where had I come from? How long would I stay? Where would I be going? Did I have any revolvers or other explosives?

My plump little German fellow-traveller underwent the same cross-examination.

In the restaurants and cafes the waiters speak German better than English, but they still regard the visit of the Duke of Windsor as their heyday and last summer's invasion of German tourists as a shame just as you would resent it if the Germans were to organise mass trips to Stratford-on-Avon and talk proprietorially of "their Shakespeare."

I met an American in the ship coming down from Split. He is a traveller and writer.

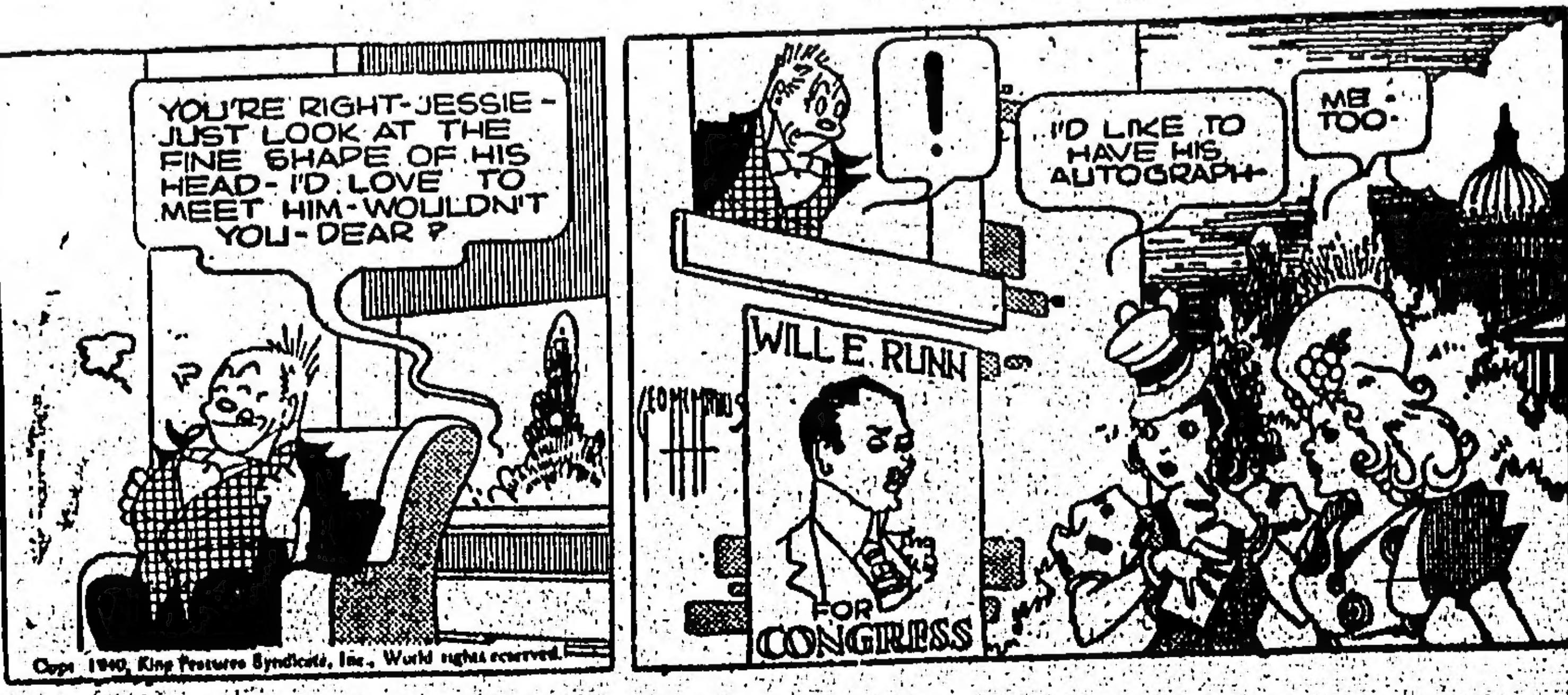
He spends a lot of time travelling, and enjoys the local reputation of being a personal friend of Hitler. After the outbreak of the war he visited Germany and made a special broadcast to the people of the United States, telling them how wonderful things were in Germany.

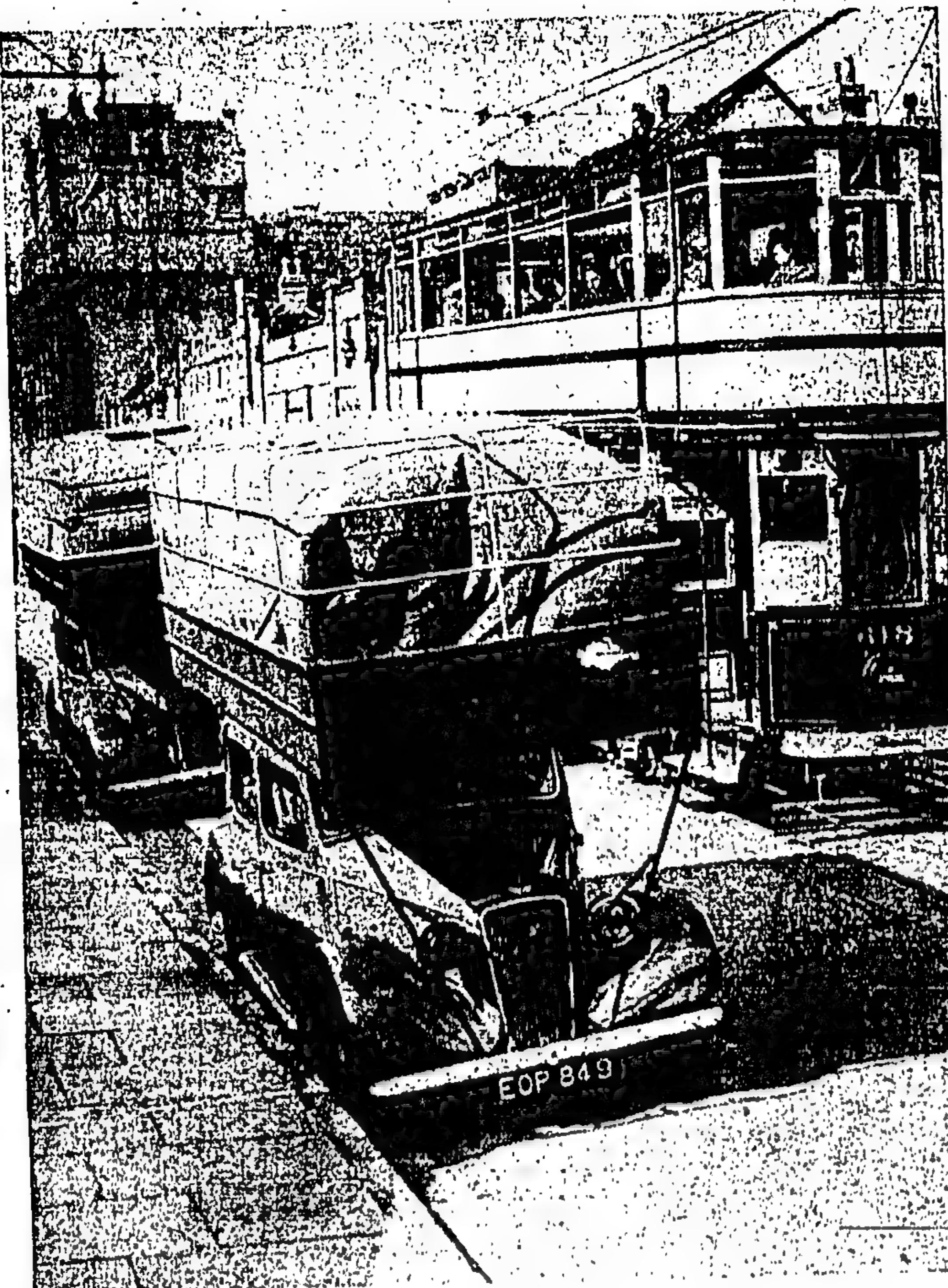
One thing he did not announce to them, but which he told me, was that he went from Germany to Luxembourg, where he had some money, in order to withdraw that money from the bank and deposit it in Switzerland, because he thought the Germans might take over Luxembourg.

In our first ten minutes of conver-

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By George McManus





A fleet of gas-driven taxis has made its appearance in Birmingham streets. The gas bags on the taxi roofs provide fuel for about 20 miles without a refill. Although it costs about £30 to convert each cab into a gas driven vehicle, it is hoped eventually to equip a fleet of nearly fifty cars. (Copyright, Fox).

## U.S. AIRCRAFT SPEED-UP

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY. THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR, MR. LOUIS JOHNSON, ADDRESSING OVER 100 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES AVIATION INDUSTRY AT A CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S APPEAL FOR 50,000 PLANES, ASKED MANUFACTURERS TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL "AS QUICKLY, EFFICIENTLY AND CHEAPLY AS POSSIBLE."

Similar statements were made yesterday by Secretary of Treasury Morgenthau, War Secretary Harry Woodring and Chairman of Civil Aeronautics Hinckley.

General Marshall, Chief of Staff of the Army, informed the military commission of the House of Representatives that the War Department wished to expand the Army Air Corps from the present limit of 6,000 to 10,000.—Reuter.

## HOW THE GERMANS GET THEIR SCRAP-IRON —VIA ITALY

(Continued from Page 10.) sation he told me he thinks the British and French are decadent. He thinks our newspapers are unfair and do not print the facts.

He had the *Voelkischer Beobachter* and some Italian newspapers under his arm. He said he thought we ought to have National Socialism in Britain and in the United States, too.

When the ship left him on a sunny island I last saw him standing on a turret of the little walled town overlooking the harbour, waving a large flag at me. It was the Stars and Stripes.

## LOSS OF "WHITLEY"

London, To-day. H.M.S. *Whitley*, which the Admiralty announces, has had to be beached after being damaged by a bomb, was a destroyer of 1,100 tons and one of 18 similar ships laid down as part of the emergency war programme of 1917.

She was commanded by Lieutenant Commander G. N. Rolfe, formerly of H.M.S. *Pembroke*.—Reuter.

## MOTORIST FINED

Mr. Leo Schneider, of No. 96, Waterloo Road, was fined \$15 by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning for dangerous driving on April 29.

Chief Inspector Chesterwood stated that Mr. Schneider cut between two cars when turning into Canton Road from Peking Road.

Pleading not guilty, Mr. Schneider said he was signalled to proceed by another car, then turning into Peking Road from Canton Road. He made a right turn into Canton Road and saw the police officer's car coming straight along Canton Road just reaching the intersection.

Mr. Macfadyen remarked that a good motorist would see both sides clear before making a turn at an intersection and would not depend upon another's signal without the judgment of his own eyes.

A fine of \$3 was imposed on B. Gutierrez for leaving his car unattended in Pak Hoi Street.

## NEARLY TWO INCHES OF RAIN

RAINFALL DURING THE 24 HOURS ENDED AT 10 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING TOTALLED 1.86 INCHES, BRINGING THE TOTAL FOR THE YEAR TO 26.83 INCHES, 7.97 INCHES ABOVE NORMAL.

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure is highest over the Eastern Sea and is relatively low over Manchuria, the Philippines and the Pacific to the eastward.

A depression covers Indo-China and the northern China Sea, and another is situated in the vicinity of Hokkaido.

## GAMING ESTABLISHMENT RAIDED

Wun Ping-kwan and Wu Nok were fined \$300 or three months' hard labour by Mr. R. Edwards this morning for keeping a common gaming house at No. 35, Tan Lung Street, for possession of a printing press without a licence and for printing a lottery announcement without authority.

Sergeant P. J. Cullinan prosecuted.

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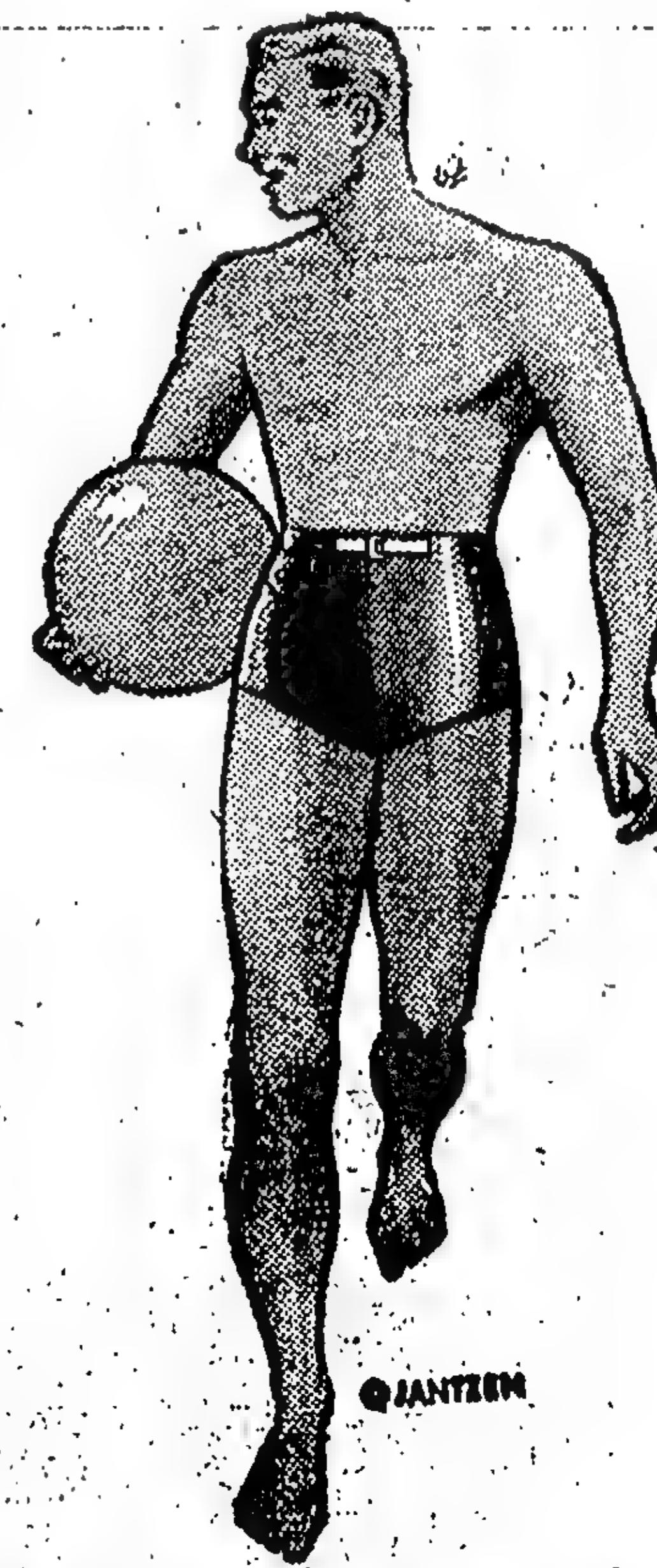
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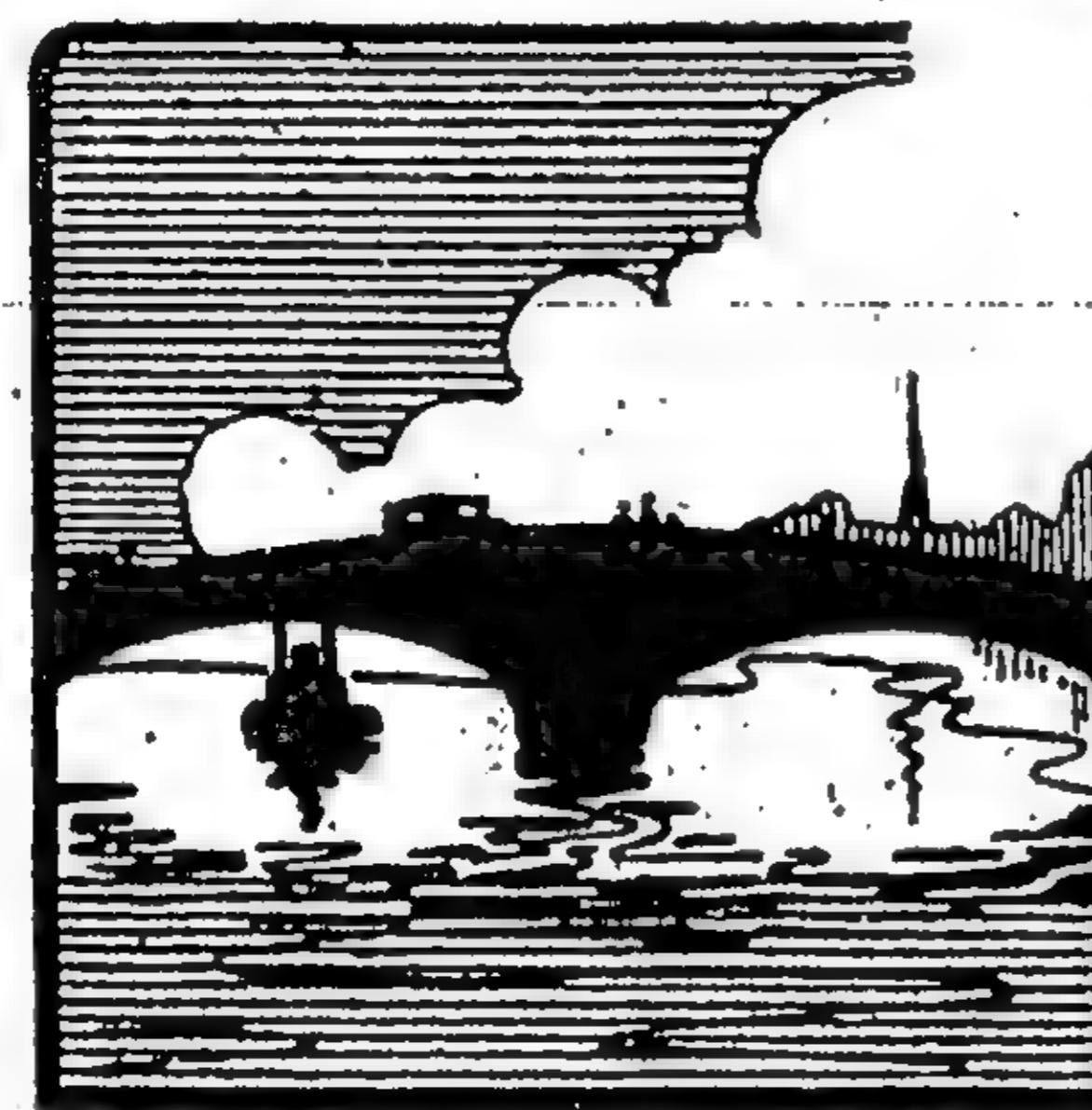
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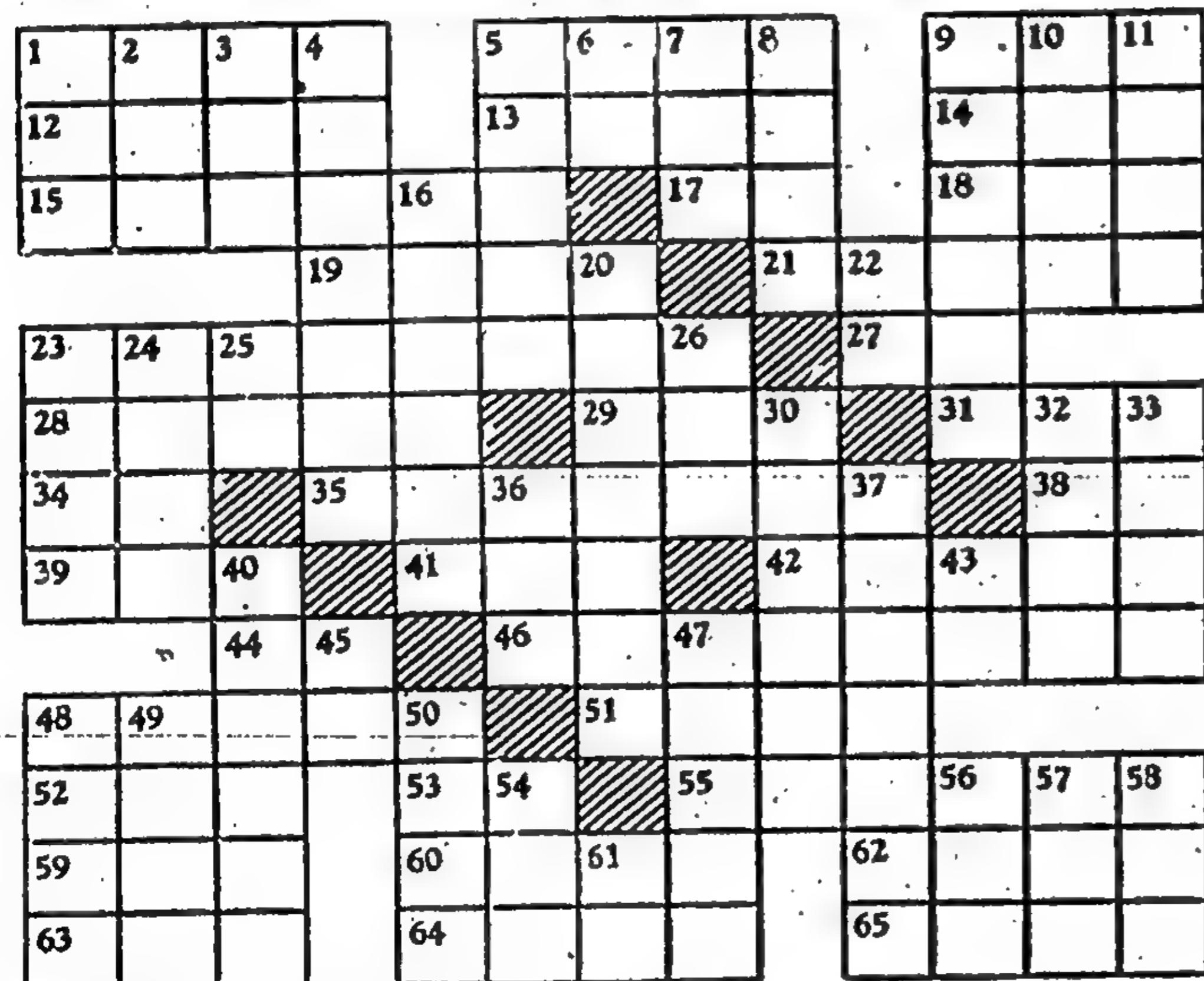
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- 23 Shining
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- 28 Wide-awake
- 29 Tennis stroke
- 31 Likely
- 34 Parent
- 35 Denied
- 36 Molten lava
- 39 Greek letter
- 41 To soak
- 42 Crimped edging
- 44 Note of scale
- 46 Transiently brilliant
- 48 Floes

- 51 Girl's plaything
- 52 Latin: I love
- 53 Sacred Hindu word
- 55 Supporters
- 59 Hindu weight
- 60 War god
- 62 Fencing sword
- 63 Conclusion
- 64 To border
- 65 Part

**VERTICAL**

- 1 Ecclesiastical vestment
- 2 Female ruff
- 3 South American language
- 4 Occidental
- 5 Pondered
- 6 Mulberry
- 7 To, haul
- 8 Ancient Egyptian alloy
- 9 Midday nap
- 10 European

- 11 Requests
- 16 Frame for stretching cloth
- 20 Distended
- 22 Periodic windstorm
- 23 Identical
- 24 Small plot of ground
- 25 French article
- 26 Period
- 30 Occurred
- 32 Sacred Buddhistic language
- 33 Soft mineral
- 36 Jewel
- 37 Funnier
- 40 To yield
- 43 Symbol for iridium
- 45 Preposition
- 47 To warm
- 48 To destroy
- 49 So be it
- 50 The body of an animal
- 54 Queen of the fairies
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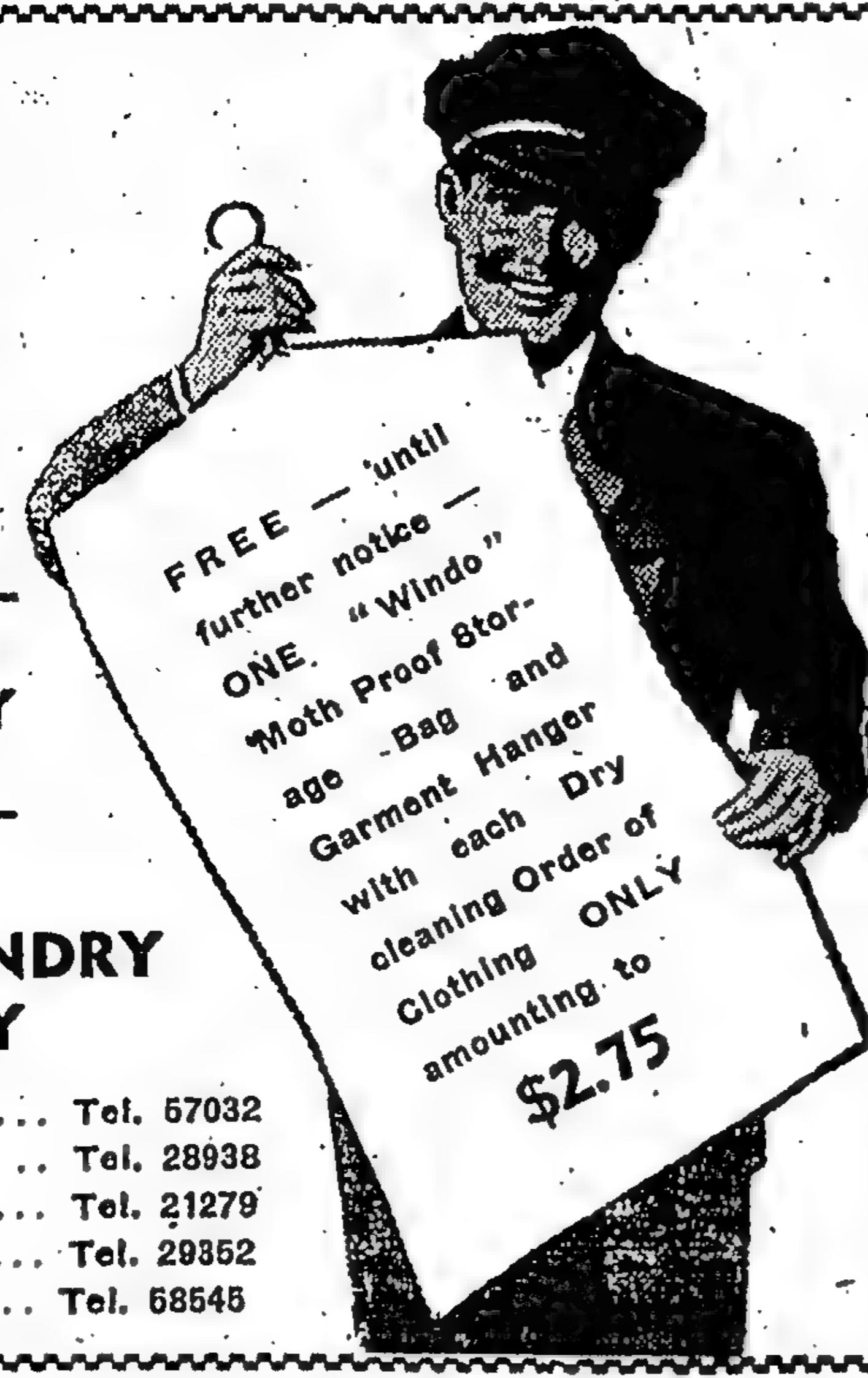
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## COLONIAL WELFARE MEASURE

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WHEN THE COMMONS REASSEMBLES TO-DAY AFTER WHITSUN RECESS, THE BUSINESS WILL BE SECOND READING OF THE COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT AND WELFARE BILL, THE MEASURE WHICH EMBODIES THE PROPOSAL ANNOUNCED BY THE GOVERNMENT EARLY THIS YEAR FOR DEVELOPING THE RESOURCES OF THE COLONIES AND PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF THEIR PEOPLES.

The bill authorises the expenditure of up to £5,000,000 yearly for ten years on development and welfare schemes and up to £500,000 yearly on colonial research.

Provision is also made for remitting loans amounting to over £11,000,000.

It is not expected that the maximum amounts will be reached at once. Indeed it is improbable that war conditions will permit of their being reached at any time while it lasts.

The second reading would have been moved by Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, but in the reorganisation of the Government he has gone to the Ministry of Health and his successor as Colonial Secretary, Lord Lloyd, is in the Upper House.

It will fall, therefore, to the new Under-Secretary, Mr. George Hall, a Welsh mining representative, who was Civil Lord of the Admiralty in the Ramsay Macdonald Labour Administration in 1929.—British Wireless.

## PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC LIGHTS?

Pedestrians may soon be provided with three-light traffic signals.

The Ministry of Transport has suggested to local authorities that they survey the possibilities of improving road safety, particularly by a variation of traffic light signals.

The Minister has asked local authorities to review the existing traffic light arrangements and in exceptional cases to provide "cross now" signals, to be operated by pressing a button.

It is pointed out that it may be necessary to provide additional three-light signals so that pedestrians may see a signal immediately facing them.

### LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 27/32.

Silver was quoted at 22-5/8 spot and 22-3/8 forward.

The cross rate London/New York was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.0250 and the New York/London rate at £—U.S.\$3.27-3/4.

## NAZIS 'TO SQUEEZE WORLD'

"We have a lot more in store for England since the Reich has been placed by the Fuehrer's initiative in a position to squeeze the world," said the political commentator on the Nazi wireless.

## MR. X ADMITS LOVE LETTERS

Letters the twenty-six-year-old son of an elderly Methodist minister admitted writing to the wife of an R.A.F. man were mentioned at Marlborough-street when a charge of blackmail against the husband failed.

It was stated that the husband, Albert Cecil Matthews, also twenty-six, a leading aircraftman, when arrested, denied demanding £100, and said the writer of the letters, who was referred to as Mr. X, owed him £116.

Mr. Edwin Clayton, prosecuting, said Matthews threatened to send the letters, which a police inspector described "as sexual and passionate to the highest degree, and leaving practically nothing to the imagination," to the father if £100 was not paid.

Mr. X said, in cross-examination by Mr. Claude Hornby, that before her marriage he had asked the bride-to-be to marry him, and that soon after the marriage he asked her to go off with him so that her husband could divorce her.

He denied that while the husband was away in the R.A.F. he started thoroughly carrying on with the wife. The passionate letters, he said, were written when she rejoined her husband.

Mr. Hornby: Do those letters represent the true relations existing between you? — Mr. X: Yes.

Mr. Hornby quoted: "I shall be able to take your lovely white body into my arms."

The magistrate, Mr. J. B. Sandback K.C.: I don't think you need read it.

To Mr. X: Have you committed adultery with the woman? — Yes.

Mr. Hornby: And you have referred to everything intimate in connection with her in writing? — Yes.

I suppose you agree that that would infuriate any husband when he found out? — Yes.

Did he come up to London to see you, take off his coat, and give you a thorough good hiding? — No; he scratched my face and someone stopped it.

Do you think you have any particularly good reason for hiding yourself under the cloak of Mr. X? — I have a very good reason.

## MISSING WIFE OF KNIGHT IS DROWNED

The month-old mystery of the disappearance of Lady Nora I. Gibb, fifty-five, wife of Sir Alexander Gibb, the engineer of the Singapore naval base and Rosyth dockyards, was solved when her body was found floating in the River Wear.

Lady Gibb, who had been ill for some time, went to Durham late in February and stayed with the widow of a friend of her husband. She left the house shortly before dinner one day and did not return.

Her disappearance was reported to the police, but the news was kept secret until the discovery of her body.

The house where Lady Gibb was staying is within one hundred yards of Prebends Bridge, which spans the Wear. The body was recovered a mile from this place.

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Masbates Ps. .07 sa.

Mind. Mother Lode Ps. .07 sa.

Mine Operation Ps. .06 b.

North Camarines Ps. .025 sa.

San Mauricio Ps. .49 sa.

Suyoc Consol. Ps. .09 1/2 sa.

United Paracales Ps. .16 sa.

BOWLS TEAMS  
FOR SATURDAY

The following teams have been chosen to represent the Hong Kong Football Club in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday.

## First Division (v. K.D.R.C., Home).

J. H. Gelling, G. S. Graver, J. Watson and A. Brooksbank (skip).

A. B. Didsbury, L. E. Lammert, K. S. Robertson and N. J. Bebbington (skip).

J. S. Howell, A. W. Hodges, G. Duncan and W. Gill (skip).

## Third Division (v. H.K.C.C., Away).

F. P. Anslow, C. G. Sollis, B. A. Mansell, H. G. Wallington (skip).

A. Watson, B. I. Bickford, C. F. Needham, and G. E. Stephens (skip).

H. H. Beddow, T. R. Rowell, J. I. Barnes and S. H. Strange (skip).

## K.C.C. TEAMS

The following have been chosen to represent the Kowloon Cricket Club in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday.

## First Division (v. C.C.C., Home).

G. Lee, A. W. Smith, W. Mulcahy and E. Kern (skip).

T. A. Madar, H. Overy, C. G. Moss and E. C. Fincher (skip).

V. C. Labrum, J. W. M. Brown, J. Fraser and F. Goodwin (skip).

## Second Division (v. H.K.C.C., Home).

W. Naef, R. B. Wellwood, A. W. Ramsey and T. W. Carr (skip).

A. Madar, L. Jack, G. Taylor and A. Spary (skip).

A. A. Dand, W. Parsons, R. H. E. Marks and J. M. Jack (skip).



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In Hong Kong, Guides and Brownies are working hard to earn as much money as they can and every Guide is asked to give half a day's income or salary to the fund.

Through the generosity of the owners, directors and management of the King's and Majestic Theatres, two cinema performances for children will be given on Empire Day, May 24th at 11 o'clock. "Wee Willie Winkie" will be shown at the King's Theatre and "The Prince and the Pauper" at the Majestic Theatre. The

GAOL FOR TWO P.W.D.  
OVERSEERS

Li Sang, and Li Yan Wah, two foremen employed by the Public Works Department, were found guilty of obtaining a bribe from a subcontractor at the Pokfulum Reservoir and sentenced to nine months' hard labour by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

## AMERICANS IN EGYPT

Cairo, To-day. The United States Legation has advised Americans to leave Egypt while shipping routes are still open.—Reuter.

total proceeds will be devoted to the Guide Gift Fund. We very much hope that parents and children will support the scheme, fill the theatres and help the Hong Kong Guides' contribution.

Yours faithfully,  
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Colony Commissioner.



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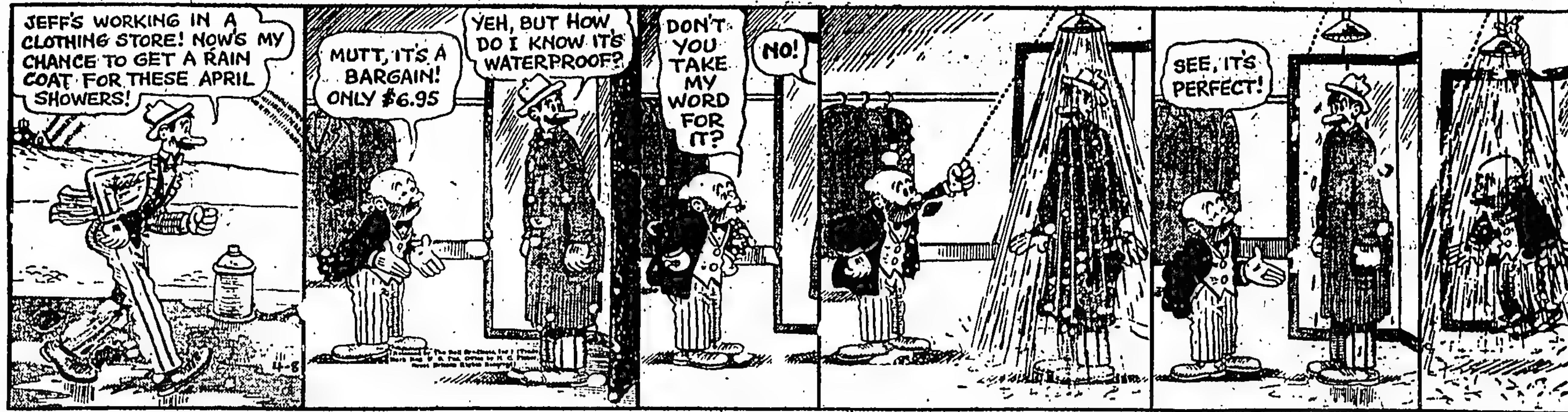


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## Variety Programmes

6.00 p.m.—An hour of Dance Music. Fox-Trots—Ev'rything You Do; All Alone In Vienna...Billy Bissell & His Orch. Tango—Havana Heaven. Rumba—Cuban Pete...Mantovani & His Tipica Orchestra. Fox-Trots—On A Little Bamboo Bridge; Rainbow on the River (from the film)...Billy Bissell & His Orchestra. Slow Fox-Trot—With All My Heart (film 'Her Master's Voice'). Fox-Trot—Cling to Me...The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra. Fox-Trots—The Man From the South; Way Down Yonder In New Orleans....Nat Gonella & His Georgians. Waltzes—Raisins and Almonds; Rehearsing A Lullaby...Phil Green & His Rhythm. Fox-Trots—Unbelievable (from 'Swing Along'); Drop In Next Time You're Passing (from 'Going Places')....Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.

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"H.M.S. Pinafore"—Selection (Gilbert & Sullivan)...The B.B.C. Theatre Orch. 7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News. 8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements. 8.03 p.m.—Studio—Recital by Angelika Nessler Steinschneider (Soprano) with Piano accompaniment by E. O'Neill Shaw. 1. (a) In the Churchyard (Brahms). (b) The Abandoned (Joseph Marx). 2. Three Russian Songs: (a) No. 4 of Four Japanese Melodies (Ippolitow-Ivanow, Op. 60); (b) Green (Serge Bortkiewicz); (c) The Lonely Steppes (Gretchaninow). 8.20 p.m.—Boccherini—Concerto in B Flat Major. Pau Casals ('Cello) and the London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Landon Ronald. 8.43 p.m.—Studio—Piano Recital by Nura Kanis. Bach—Partita No. 1: (a) Prelude; (b) Courante; (c) Menuet; (d) Allemande; (e) Sarabande; (f) Menuet; (g) Gigue. 9.05 p.m.—The Walter String Players. Gavotte in E (for Strings) (Bach). Minuet (Boccherini). 9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary. 9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Cards on the Table". 9.45 p.m.—Military Band Music. The Mill On The Rock—Overture (Reissiger—arr. Winterbottom)...The B.B.C. Wireless Military Band cond. by B. Walton O'Donnell. H.H. Jollies—Quick March (Alford). On The Quarter Deck—Quick March (Alford)...The Band of H.M. Royal Marines, Plymouth Division, cond. by Major F. J. Ricketts.

10.00 p.m.—A Variety Programme with The Duncan Sisters, "Hutch", The Hill Billies, Oliver Wakefield, Bobby Breen, & Others. Vocal—Twilight On The Trail (film 'The Trail of the Lonesome Pine'); Blazin' The Trail (Powell & Others)...The Hill Billies with Their Own Novelty Accompaniment. Vocal—Happy As A Lark (film 'Breaking the Ice'); The Sunny Side of Things (film 'Breaking the Ice')...Bobby Breen with Orchestra. Humorous Monologues—Play Up and Pay the Dame (Wakefield); Keeping A Stiff Upper (Wakefield)...Oliver Wakefield (The Voice of Inexperience). Vocal & Piano—Singing for You (Hackforth); Paris Is Not the Same (Marvell-Strachey)...Leslie Hutchinson with Orchestra. Organ—Speak to Me Of Love (Lenoir); Escapade (A Mexican Eloquence—Phillips)...Al Hollington. Vocal—Tin Pl-Tin (Leveen-Greene); Adam and Eve (Duncan Sisters-Granatt)...British Wireless.

## Studio Recitals

The Duncan Sisters accomp. by Two Pianos. Piano—Let Me Play—By Vivian Ellis (In Which the Composer Introduces Fifteen of His Best Known Tunes)...Vivian Ellis.

Vocal—We'll Rest at the End of the Trail (Poulton & Rose); Carry Me Back To The Lone Prairie (Robison)...The Hill Billies with Their Own Novelty Accompaniment. Vocal—What Have You Done To My Heart (film 'Cafe Colette'); Twilight Serenade...Clarrie Wright with The Twilight Serenaders.

Vocal & Piano—To-morrow is Another Day (film 'A Day at the Races')...Leslie Hutchinson.

11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

## DON'T FORGET THE NAVY

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE DRAMATIC EVENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN HAPPENING IN BELGIUM AND FRANCE HAVE ONCE MORE RELEGATED THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NAVY TO THEIR ACCUSTOMED OBSCURITY.

The normal duties both of the Navy and the mercantile marine are as unspectacular as they are arduous and valuable, and it is often forgotten that the whole sea service has been in constant action ever since the war began.

Take, for instance, the continuous operation of minesweeping on which depends keeping clear the entrances to ports and harbours. The number of mines swept up is never published and the strenuous activities of these small craft working in all weathers are reflected only in honours and casualty lists.

Again, numerous vessels are employed guarding convoys and the fact that up to May 8 some 19,922 British, Allied and neutral ships had been escorted in British convoys with a loss of only 31 proves efficiency of this branch of naval activity.

In addition, there is the anti-submarine campaign, unceasingly prosecuted, the results of which are never published but may be said to be reflected in the substantial lessening of the merchant ships sunk.

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South, Dealer  
Both sides vulnerable

♠ 6  
  ♥ K Q 7 3  
  ♦ Q 9 8 5 3  
  ♣ 7 6 4

♠ A 10 9 7  
  ♥ 5 2  
  ♦ 9 6 4  
  ♣ 10 6

♠ 8 4 3  
  ♥ A J 10 8  
  ♦ A K  
  ♣ A K Q 5

Mr. Lightner

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass  
3♦ Pass 4♥ Pass  
6♥ Pass Pass Pass

West opened the Ace of spades and continued, Mr. Lightner trumping in dummy. He next cashed his two top diamonds, then played the heart Ace and a small one to dummy. Mr. Lightner then trumped a diamond, and re-entered dummy with his last trump. His two remaining diamonds now furnished discards for his losing spade and club.

The kibitzer, who had remained silent while the play was going on, now inquired incredulously, "How could you jump to a Slam with three small spades?"

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QUEEN	1
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Score 100% for four clubs, 70% for four spades, 20% for five clubs (you do not want to shut out a four-spade contract), 0 for pass.

QUESTION NO. 415  
Both sides are vulnerable. Merwin Maier is your partner and you hold:

♠ A  
  ♥ K Q x x x  
  ♦ K x x  
  ♣ K x x x

The bidding:

Burnstone You Schenken Maier

1♣ Pass 2♦ Pass

3♠ Pass 3NT Pass

(?)

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## BASEBALL NOTES

## BEST LEAGUE OPENER IN RECENT SEASONS

Red Keplinger's Brilliant Swan Song  
SAPPERS IMPRESS IN DEBUT GAME

By "Grandstand"

DESPITE INCLEMENT weather on Saturday a good number of fans were on hand at Caroline Hill to witness the opening game of the present campaign.

With Blimp Belke, of U.S.S. Mindanao, on the receiving end, Consul-General, Mr. Addison E. Southard, of the U.S.A., tossed the traditional first ball which went a bit high and inside.

In one of the most exciting games seen at Caroline Hill, and the best opener witnessed in recent years, Mindanao came from behind in the last canto to nose out Hongkong Brewers, 7-6.

After the first ball was tossed, and the applause subsided, slim and trim Red Keplinger strode to the mound to pitch for Mindanao.

This was Red's swan song on the local baseball lot before he leaves for home next Friday and it turned out to be a jubilant farewell for him.

Besides pitching a brilliant game against the Leonardmen, striking out six and walking five, Red topped the batting list of his team with a .500 average and chased in three mates including the winning tally. To add to his glory Keplinger has the distinction of giving the Leonardmen their first spanking in a little over a year.

The tilt started off with H.B. batting first. With two hands out H.B. managed to score two runs. Zinho Gosano was given free transportation to first. Dave Leonard followed with a sizzling double to score Zinho. Dave advanced to third on a wild pitch and crossed the counting station on Blimp Belke's wild throw to the hot corner. Stanley Leonard was next up and was given a pass to first. Sherry Bux fanned the breeze for the third putout.

There was a storm of jeers and cheers as Madeen Arculli swaggered out to the mound for H.B. Red Todd, Mindanao's lead off man, worked Madeen for a walk. Rain was coming down hard at this stage and the ball was too slippery for Madeen to handle. Badrick walked. "Highpockets" Wilson flied to leftfielder Ali for the first out. Tony Muscavage reached first safely on a fielder's choice and Badrick was safe on the middle station when second baseman George Souza muffed a throw from Zinho Gosano. "Horseface" Douglas sacrificed a long fly to centre field to score Todd. "Poochie" Chase was the third man to walk in this inning to load the cushions. Blimp Belke flied to centre fielder Stan Leonard, to end the inning. Arculli got out of a big hole in this canto, yielding only one tally.

## EASY VICTIMS

In the second frame, H.B. pushed in another run. Arculli and Hal Winglee were easy victims. Two outs. Terry Leonard (no longer the hitless wonder) rapped a hit to left-centre and later pilfered second. Terry scored when Poochie Chase bungled Keplinger's throw to second. Souza and Ali both got on but Zinho Gosano fanned to close the chapter. Mindanao replied with two tallies to even the count 3-3. Padgett and Keplinger crossed the plate on three hits.

Third inning. Dave Leonard slammed a single to centre field, stole second and reached third on a wild pitch. Stan Leonard sacrificed a fly to score brother Dave. If Badrick had been a bit faster with the throw

in Dave would have been nailed at the plate. Bux popped to the catcher and Arculli flied to centre field for Wilson to gather the pellet after a running catch. Mindanao was blanked in this inning.

In the fourth stanza H.B. garnered two more counts. Terry Leonard and George Souza romped home on three blows, a walk, an error and a wild throw.

In the fifth and sixth goose eggs were shown on the score board for both sides.

In the seventh inning H.B. were leading 6-3 and it looked as if the game was in the bag for the Leonardmen; but it wasn't so.

The Mindanaoans, who never say die, were out there to win that ball game and win they did with that last-inning spark that is hard to curb.

This is nothing new to the Min boys for it will be remembered that last season they registered most of their victories in the same manner, coming from behind and staging a last-inning rally.

With the Mindanao followers yelping for action Wilson came to bat in the eventful seventh and was safe at first on Dave Leonard's wild heave to the initial sack. Wilson reached third on a passed ball. Muscavage also reached the initial station on another wild throw, this time by Zinho Gosano, and Wilson scored on the play. "Horseface" Douglas beat out a grounder when third-sacker Zinho Gosano hesitated in making the throw. Tony Muscavage advanced to third on the same play but in rounding the hot corner he found himself trapped between third and home plate. Winglee and Gosano threw the ball back and forth in trying to run down Tony, with Arculli on the home plate covering Winglee.

Muscavage saw his chance when Gosano threw a high one to Arculli; he simply slid under Madeen's nose and by the time the tag was made Tony was safe a mile.

The score was now 6-5. Poochie Chase walked and to the surprise of all present stole second on the next play. Belke reached first on a fielder's choice. Douglas was nailed at home plate when he tried to score on Belke's grounder to third base. Padgett walked to load the bases. Keplinger came to bat with all the determination he could muster. He swung on the first two pitches but nothing happened. Red choked up on the next one and wham—the ball went sailing to left field just above the shortstop's head to score two of the slowest runners in the Mindanao team, Poochie Chase himself and Blimp Belke.

Belke scored the winning run after a neat slide which almost crippled him or was it his tummy that hit the home plate?

R. H. E.

Mindanao 1 2 3 0 0 0 6-5 R. H. E.

H.B. 2 1 1 2 0 0 0-6 1 4

## GRAPHIC GOLF



## LET WEIGHT FLOW THROUGH BY BEST BALL

Failure to transfer the weight in its proper proportion to the left foot on the downswing prevents the golfer from gaining the proper power in his stroke. Note the awkward position of the left leg in the large illustration above to discover how true this is. In fact the only point of contact of the left foot with the ground at this point lies in the toe. This acts as a steady influence but it also restricts to a large extent the momentum that is still left in a stroke minus a great measure of body action. As a matter of fact this foot will have to be turned aside somewhat to allow any degree of follow through. There won't be much of that to be sure, the weight is still on the right foot.

In direct contrast to this pose is the one illustrated by Lawson Little above. Here the left leg is firm and straight, the weight more toward the heel than the toe with the left hips well out of the swing's path. The weight of the body plus the power in the back, hips and shoulders is being utilized.

Next Article. — Golf Trend is Youthward.

## SWIMMING

## "Y" TEAMS FOR GALA

European Y.M.C.A., with a view to the future, are giving the younger members of the "Y" a great opportunity of being blooded for competitive swimming.

On Thursday, "Y" are entertaining the Australian Naval reservists in a series of aquatic events in the "Y" pool starting at 9 p.m.

An attractive programme has been arranged and some enjoyable sport is assured. Each team will be represented by two swimmers, and by two teams in the relays wherever possible. In addition, there will be a mixed water polo match.

Following have been selected to represent the Y.M.C.A.:

50 Yards Free Style—T. A. Weller and

100 Yards Free Style—Jordan, L. A.

## CHINESE HAVE TO WORK HARD

By "Grandstand"

Contrary to prediction Royal Engineers did not do so badly against Chung Hwa. The Chinese lads walloped the Sappers 12-5 but they had to work hard to do so.

For beginners the Sappers played darn good baseball with only seven miscues chalked up against them.

They nicked three Chinese hurlers for seven hits and pulled two double plays during the fray.

Hank Chang, Bill Chang and Wally Ching took turns on the mound for Chung Hwa and between the three of them they whiffed seven and walked two. Flash Radcliffe went the full route on the slab for R.E.'s and was touched for 10 hits, walked one and struck out none.

Longest hits of the game were a triple by Tuffy Chinn and a double each for Shaw, Choy, Foley and Bill Chang.

R. H. E.

Chung Hwa 1 0 3 1 2 0 5-12 10 2

R.E. .... 0 0 0 4 0 0 1-5 7 7

In a friendly game, U.S.S. Marblehead subdued a local selection to the tune of 6-1. The locals were mostly from the Mindanao nine, three from Tulsa, Dave Leonard and Dutch.

Sammy Grey, who toed the rubber for the visiting cruiser, must have thought that he was pitching to a bunch of school kids in a vacant lot in the States when he struck out no less than nine locals without much effort.

It was a treat to watch him pitch—and the stuff he had on the old apple. His knuckle ball, which floated so that one could see the stitches on the horseshoe all the way, had the opposition more than baffled.

Tony Muscavage was on the firing line for three innings and was touched for three hits, fanned two and walked five. Red Keplinger finished the game. He held the Marblehead gang to one run on one hit, striking out three with nary a walk.

Padgett saved the local side from a shut out when he belted a single in the last canto to bring in Wilson who ran for Douglas.

R. H. E.

Marblehead 0 5 1 0 0 0 x=6 4 2

H.K. .... 0 0 0 0 0 0 1-1 6 2

## HOME SOCCER

London, To-day. The following are the results of football matches played yesterday:

MIDLAND

Birmingham 0 Leicester 0

NORTH EASTERN

Bradford 2 Hartlepools 0

—Reuter.

Benn or Geoff Arnold  
100 Yards Backstroke—B. S. Wilson and A. T. May.

50 Yards Breaststroke—L. H. Chater and R. Goldman.

200-Yards Free Style Relay—(25-50-75-50-25)—P. H. Wilson, F. A. Weller, B. S. Wilson, A. T. May, L. A. Benn, R. Goldman and Geoff Arnold.

100 Yards Medley Relay (Backstroke, breaststroke, free style)—

"A" Team—P. S. Wilson, R. Goldman and A. T. May.

"B" Team—L. A. Benn, L. H. Chater and A. T. May.

Water polo teams will be selected later.

## TENNIS UNLIKELY

It appears extremely unlikely that any League tennis will be possible to-day. In any case what would have been the best match on the programme—between South China and Chinese Recreation Club—has already been postponed on the instigation of the former.

Following is the programme and some of the teams:—

### PROGRAMME

C. D. R.	v	A. T. C.
C. S. C. C.	v	K. T. G. C. A.
C. C. C.	v	K. C. C.
H. K. C. C.	v	I. R. C.
Club de Recreio:—	M. A. Oliveria and W.	
A. Reed; B. T. Gosano and A. E. Xavier;		
A. M. Rodrigues and A. N. Other;		
Kowloon Tong:—T. E. Ling and B. Yu;		
Lam Kwan and F. L. Chan; Henry Lin and		
E. P. Fletcher.		
I.R.C.:—M. O. Hoosen and O. M. Rum-		
jahn; A. R. Kitchell and D. M. A. Razack;		
S. A. Ismail and A. Rahmin.		
K.C.C.:—N. A. E. Mackay and R. T.		
Broadbridge; G. A. White and R. S. Capell;		
D. Hung and R. E. Lee.		
C.C.C.:—George Lai and W. K. Wong; Lee		
Wah-kek and J. W. Leonard; W. J. Howard		
and A. Kitchell.		

### Referees' Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association will be held at the Hotel Cecil to-day at 8 p.m. As this is the last meeting of the present season, it is hoped that all referees will attend.

## SING TAO FOR FIRST DIVISION NEXT YEAR?

THE ADMISSION OF THE Sing Tao Sports club to the Football Association will be a severe blow to South China and to a lesser degree to Eastern as it is understood that the majority of the South China "A" team and some of the "B" team are transferring their affections to the new club.

The new club have not yet applied for admission to the League but it is believed that they will attempt to enter First Division on the grounds that they have sufficient players who have already figured prominently in First Division.

At present there are 11 teams in First Division and considerable difficulty was experienced last season in completing the fixtures in time as a matter of fact two clubs were forced to play their fixtures after the season had officially closed.

Extra Volunteer camps and military duties will upset next year's programme more than last and it would be advisable if the management committee could see their way to reducing the number of teams in First Division.

It is also rumoured that another

Army side might apply for entry to First Division as well.

### EASTERN LEAVE TO-MORROW

Eastern, winners of the senior shield are leaving to-morrow, for Manila, where they will play several games. They will continue their journey to the South Seas and will probably go to Burma.

### SWIMMING NOTES

Commencing to-morrow, swimming notes will appear in all issues of the "China Mail" every Wednesday.

### TENNIS POSTPONED

The League tennis match between Chinese Recreation Club and Hong Kong University has been indefinitely postponed at the request of the latter, on account of examinations.

No "A" Division League Tennis matches were played yesterday afternoon owing to the rain.

## LAST SHOOT OF THE SEASON AT STONECUTTERS

THERE WAS A RATHER poor attendance at Stonecutters on Saturday afternoon, 21 members attending the last shoot of the season. Conditions were good except for a slight haze that came over at 600 yards.

Sergt. G. E. Breese of the Royal Naval Range Staff won the S.R. (b) nett spoon with the excellent score of 99. Sgt. R. J. Heap was top for S.R. (a) with 85, but was beaten on handicap by Mr. H. A. Evans of the D.R.C. who thus won the Handicap Spoon. This was the last shoot of the season at Stonecutters.

Leading scores were as follows:—

S.R. (b)	H'p 200 500 600 Tu.
Sgt. G. E. Breese .....	scr. 32 34 33 99N
Mr. W. Trenouth .....	scr. 31 33 33 97
Sgt. F. Cole .....	1 33 33 30 96
Mr. J. A. Guard .....	scr. 31 32 31 94
Mr. W. K. Gillman .....	scr. 33 29 31 93
Mr. L. W. Peckham .....	3 29 31 29 89
Mr. H. J. S. Blake .....	scr. 26 29 27 82
Mr. L. C. Thorne .....	4 26 29 18 73
S.R. (a)	
Sgt. R. J. Heap .....	scr. 28 28 29 85
Mr. R. N. Medhurst .....	7 28 30 27 85
Mr. V. R. J. Merrett .....	6 27 27 27 81
Mr. H. A. Evans .....	10 26 27 27 80½
Mr. R. Tynehouse .....	5 24 28 28 78
Mr. H. S. Jones .....	5 23 24 25 77
Mr. N. V. Whyte .....	8 23 26 27 76
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Mr. R. J. Johnston .....	5 23 27 21 76
Mne. Jas. Fletcher .....	5 27 30 18 75

A winner of handicap spoon will have handicap reduced by one pt.

### MINIATURE RIFLE SECTION

H.K.R.A. Miniature Rifle Section. Now that the full range rifle shooting has finished, keen interest is being shown in miniature rifle shooting. It is hoped that secretaries of existing and all newly formed clubs will get in touch with Mr. A. F. Evans, Hon. Secretary, Small Bore Section H.K.R.A. c/o R.A.F., Kai Tak with a view to arranging matches. He will also be glad to give advice to any persons interested and wishing to form clubs under the H.K.R.A. conditions. It is hoped that a colony team will be formed in the near future to take part in the Colonial Small Bore Matches and to fire matches with the National Rifle and Pistol Association of the Philippines.

### R.A.F. VICTORY

In a small Bore Match fired at the Central Police Station range on Friday, May 17, between the H.K. Police and the R.A.F. the latter won by 17 points. Unfortunately Supt. Thompson was unable to fire for the police.

The scores were as follows:—

POLICE	R.A.F.
Sgt. Ritchie .....	97
Sgt. Perkins .....	97
Sgt. Gowans .....	95
Sgt. Wall .....	93
Sgt. Russell .....	93
Cpl. Naranjan Singh .....	90
Total .....	557
	R.A.F.
L. A. C. Henley .....	100
Cpl. Gash .....	95
W. O. Tollison .....	97
P/O Grey .....	95
Mr. Evans .....	93
P/O Farmer .....	91
Total .....	574

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The FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd May, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be CLOSED from the 8th May to the 22nd May, 1940, both days inclusive.

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The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

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By order of the Board.

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
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The compulsory registration of all holdings in American or Canadian dollars has been ordered by the Finance Ministry.

Henceforth all American or Canadian dollar banknotes must be handed over to the Bank of France or remitted to a dollar account in a bank established in France.

All assets in American or Canadian dollars belonging to Frenchmen or foreign nationals residing in France must be deposited before June 30 with a bank established in France, whatever may be the present location of deposit of these assets.

Gold belonging to corporations must be handed over to the Bank of France before the same date.—Havas.

## SECURITY DECREES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
Paris, To-day.

The Government has empowered military tribunals in the field to meet as courts-martial and judge those caught red-handed in crimes against the security of the State.

Sentences meted out can be immediately executed without right of appeal.

The Council of Ministers yesterday approved the institution of sugar rationing cards.

General Catroux has been given the full rank of Governor of Indo-China.—Havas.

## PARACHUTE TROOPS TAKE MO IN NORWAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.  
Refugees at the Norwegian frontier say that German parachute troops have taken the town of Mo, south of Narvik. Norwegian troops are retiring in good order north of the city towards Narvik.

Mo was taken after heavy fighting, say the refugees, as a result of which British and Norwegian troops had to withdraw. The Germans number about 4,000.—Havas.

## CALIFORNIA QUAKE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
New York, To-day.

Although recorded on seismographs as far away as Europe, the earthquake which caused a few casualties and some damage in southern California and Arizona on Sunday was of less intensity than the one at Long Beach in March 1933.

According to the California Institute of Technology, it was caused by a 100-mile "crack" running from the Gulf of California to the Pacific Ocean north of San Francisco.—Havas.

## GERMAN BOMBER'S CREW CAPTURED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
Versailles, To-day.

A German bomber was forced down at Abilis, near Rambouillet, last evening. The crew of four, who set fire to the machine, were taken prisoner.—Havas.

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The "Daily Mail" says the name of Weygand inspires the Allies with confidence. The mere fact of his appointment has had an excellent effect. It is vitally important that the Generalissimo should enjoy not merely the support of the military but the confidence of the people. In the field the first shock of surprise is over. Our fighting men have got the measure of the new German tactics. They are meeting them with resource and resolution. In all history there has been no battle like this one. Be sure that at the moment he detects any weakness or faltering in the present German onrush, General Weygand will strike.

"The Times" says this veteran (Weygand) is most welcome to the hard-pressed men he has to lead. Perhaps there is more than accidental significance in the replacement of the Man of the Marne by the man of the great battles of March, 1918, because the present conflict has less in common with the first German dash for Paris than with Ludendorff's last and mightiest assault, which led to the collapse of the Kaiser's Germany. To-day's position is dangerous but dangerous for both sides. The plain reason for the dangerous position of the Allied armies is not the failure of strategy or valour but a deficiency in material. In quality of men and aeroplanes the Germans have been manifestly outclassed but by sheer weight of numbers they have prevailed. The balance can be redressed by unresting labour at home. The position of the German advanced columns becomes ever more difficult to maintain because their communications become constantly longer and more precarious.—Reuter.

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